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STORY OF A DAY.

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

How a Rejected Suitor Got Even with His Successful Rival.

"O MY cousin Robert has written that he is sending us a little Christmas surprise," said Mrs. Meekmild, for the tenth time. "I felt sure that if he could once be induced to visit our happy little home he would forget that I—ah—treated him rather unkindly in eloping with you on the very day which was to have seen me his bride. To be sure, I left a note saying that I felt I could never have made him perfectly happy. Had he been a magnanimous person, he would have been satisfied with such a handsome apology—but he was not."

"Not at all," sighed her husband, "he was most inconsiderate. He—"

"However, a woman's tact has bridged the difficulty, as usual. I flatter myself that I did a clever and original thing in naming one of the twins for him. Who would be so

THE LID WAS OFF THE BOX AT LAST.

apt to appreciate such a compliment as a rich old bachelor, I'd like to know?"

"No one, I'm sure. But he thawed as soon as he had seen our six little cherubs. How he laughed when little Josiah rode on my back and playfully kicked me in the eye!"

"And how merry he was when Ariadne spilled milk on my best dress. What a pleasure it must have been to witness such hospitality. To be sure, I am sorry that he happened to hear your remarks when my dressmaker's bill came in, too."

"And I had rather that he had been out of earshot when you told me your honest opinion of a man who could not match embroidery silks better than I, after he had been married ten years. However, this is mere detail. I remember his rage when he found that I had married his little fairy, as he called you. Odd, isn't it, that he has forgiven me now that you weigh twice as much!"

"Humph, I may weigh a few pounds more, but my hair is intact, and that is more than—"

"And now he is sending us a Christmas box. I wonder what it contains? The children will be up at daylight to find out. Well, prosperity will not change us!"

"Never. Even though I am able to dress as well as our own hired girl, I shall not insist that you write it Xmas, instead of Christmas, nor shall I call it appendicitis when little Rufus has eaten too much pie. Personally, I expect tickets to Europe."

"Tickets to Europe, and I such a poor sailor that the sight of a marine in water colors gives me seasickness! Nonsense, he has sent us the deed to a ranch in Texas."

"A ranch—and I so afraid of cattle! How mean of you to think of such a thing. I'll never live on a ranch!"

"And I shall certainly not go to Europe!"

"I shall, and I'll never speak to you again. There!"

"Even your voice would not reach from Europe to Texas. But here is the express-man, and you'll see that I was right."

"That I was, dear. What a huge box! I'm glad that he forgave us just at Christmas when he need not check his generosity. That trip to Europe—"

"Texas, you mean!" The lid was off the box at last and a silence fell upon them, as the gifts were opened. When the last one lay before them, they flung themselves despairingly into each other's arms.

"The villain said he had forgiven us!" she cried.

"He can afford to—he is avenged!" he groaned.

For the box contained: One music box, which played only rag time; one drum, a fife, three horns, a toy piano, six packages of dynamite crackers, one Chinese gong, a toy pistol and a card, on which was written: "With Cousin Robert's best wishes for a very merry Christmas!"

A Fair Exchange.

Now doth the callow youth prepare
To show he madly loves,
By sending to his lady fair
A Christmas box of gloves.
But ah, relentless, cruel fate,
The maiden is not smitten,
And, as she must reciprocate,
She gives that youth the mitten.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

A Query.

The question comes on each Christmas morn
To interrupt men's gentler mirth;
"How can the blowing of a horn
Assist in bringing peace to earth?"
—Washington Star.

Between the Lines.

My dear Miss Bonds, your eyes pray "ft
(If this don't win her I am lost!)
And deign to view my humble gift;
(I hate to think about its cost!)
May it find favor in your sight,
(And bring about the end I seek!)
Although its value is but slight.
(I'll have to fast at least a week!)
—N. Y. World.

SANTA CLAUS AT GRIMM'S RANCH.

A Story for Christmas.

"A THOUSAND pardons, but could the senor the change give for two gold pieces of $20?"

John Wells jerked his newly-urged horses to a standstill and glared his annoyance at the heavily-bearded Mexican who, with doffed sombrero, had suddenly confronted him at a point where the Menardville road extricated itself from the scattered jacals of Fort McKavett and headed out for the open prairie. It was early morning of the 24th of December, 1895. Wells had freshly risen from an unappetizing and indigestible breakfast of grease-sodden tortillas and rancid bacon; had quarreled with the hotel keeper over his extortionate charges for the last night's lodging; was hungry; angry with the sharp sleet that came drifting against his face from the northeast; angry with the "infernal luck" that doomed him to wander over the wild prairies of southwestern Texas while the rest of mankind were happily preparing for the holiday festivities; angry at the abominable cabbage-leaf cigar which refused to yield him solace from his woes; angry with the world at large and—just at that moment—with the disreputable looking "Greaser" before him in particular.

"Two gold pieces of $20," he growled. "Where are they? Are they counterfeit? How did you come by them?"

The Mexican gravely held them forth in his dirty palm for inspection.

"They are gold, senor. They were given me by the American, Senor Black—who sends the meat of goats across the seas in cans. The money is the price of 40 goats that I drove from the Rio Concho."

Wells regarded the Mexican with a searching gaze of suspicion.

"I know Col. Bill Black, and his gold is good. But I think I know you, too. You were in the hotel just now when I paid my bill, and I think I saw you last night at the store where I bought those cursed cigars. I believe you want to learn if I have money, so you can relieve me of it farther out on the plains."

The object of Wells' distrust threw his arms aleft in humble deprecation.

"The Sacred Mother knows—!"

"Never mind that nonsense," exclaimed Wells, roughly. "I'm no baby, and I'll take

"THEY ARE GOLD, SENOR."

chances on you and all the Greasers in McKavett. I'll give you silver for your gold; and here in this sack is more money—white and yellow—that you may have for the taking. Don't be afraid of the guns—they are never loaded—but sail in as soon as you can raise your crowd and overtake me."

The Mexican made no reply to this bland bit of encouragement, but his snaky eyes gleamed evilly from their covert of steel-gray brows, as they rested upon the plump buckskin pouch nestled between the butts of a heavy shotgun and a winchester rifle. He was profuse in his thanks for the American's kindness, but Wells' only response was a short grunt as he once more drew the blankets closely around him and chirruped to his not over-willing team.

It was a long drive to Menardville, and a longer one to the nearest railway station, the point for which Wells was now heading. Ever since the middle of November he had been driving here and there among the scattered ranches, on a collecting trip for his employers, a prominent firm of San Antonio merchants; and he was more than anxious to get back to civilization once more. He had been successful in his mission and had remitted several large sums by express; but his collections had been heavy during the last few days, and at least $3,000, in bills and coin, were stowed away in his pockets and in the buckskin bag at his feet. It was a large sum of money and he naturally felt the responsibility its possession involved. John Wells was by no means a coward, but he was perfectly acquainted with the country and its people, and knew that the chance of acquiring one-tenth the amount he carried would be sufficient to prompt many of the latter to murder. He had been particularly struck with the villainous face and suspicious demeanor of the goat-herder, and the uneasiness aroused by the little incident of the morning hung over him during the entire day.

Without making his usual noonday halt, he drove steadily on, occasionally glancing back over the dim trail, in momentary expectation of finding himself pursued. However, evening came without anything having transpired to increase his alarm, and an hour before darkness closed down upon the bleak plains he drew rein before the door of a lone ranch and, without the useless preliminary of applying for accommodations, began divesting his tired horses of the harness.

As he unhooked the tugs of the off horse, a towheaded urchin of eight or nine years came strolling up from the near-by corral, went into the buggy seat and drew the blankets over his head until only his boyish face and sparkling eyes were visible.

"What's your name, mister?" he asked, with childlike directness.

"Jack Wells. What's yours?"

"Hank Grimm. I'm only Little Hank. Old Hank is my gran'paw, and he owns this ranch. The Mexicans call this 'Dos Botas Ranch,' 'cause gran'paw gives the 'two-boot' brand. Say, mister, do you know who I thought you mought be when you driv' up?"

"Couldn't guess."

"I thought mebby it was Santa Claus, but then I allow he's got more whiskers'n you have. Still, he mought have shaved."

Wells admitted that Santa Claus might, by way of a change, conclude to make his annual trip with a beard of three weeks' growth, or even a smoothly-shaven face. Further than that he couldn't, under the circumstances, blame Little Hank for looking upon all strangers with an eye of suspicion; but he thought the chances of popping his gaze on Santa Claus by daylight were extremely small. Several millions of boys, in different parts of the world, had been keeping their eyes open for years without avail, and there had come to be a popular belief that the jolly fellow with the reindeers traveled principally in the dark.

"That's the way he hit this ranch last Christmas, and I reckon he left it till about the last ranch on his rounds," remarked the boy. "He didn't leave me a thing that I wanted—nuthin' but a little tin wagon and a pound of candy. Say, mister, d'ye reckon Santa Claus ever handles windchesters?"

The appearance of the elder Hank Grimm spared Wells the necessity of answering this difficult query. The owner of the "Two Boot ranch" was a man well advanced in years, and possessed of a sturdy, erect figure, square-cut features and sky-blue eyes, that told at once of German ancestry and of past service in the armies of the old world or the new. He welcomed the traveler heartily, directed him how to dispose of his horses for the night, and then abruptly turned away and entered the house. Little Hank remained behind and, in his quaint, boyish way, superintended Wells' every movement.

A covey of quail that had been foraging in the vicinity of the crib flushed at their approach and settled in the prairie grass a short distance away. Little Hank clamored to have one of them killed for his Christmas breakfast, and to please him, on their return to the buggy, Wells slipped a couple of bird loads in his Parker, and, when the covey rose again, grassed three plump beauties with a hasty double shot. The boy was in perfect ecstasies over his success.

"That's better'n you could do with a windchester," he remarked, in a tone denoting that he considered this the height of possible praise. "Gran'paw says a shotgun is no good; but I reckon it depends a heap on who shoots it. I never seed but one before, and it wasn't wuth shucks. It belonged to a man from Arkansaw, and he couldn't hit the broadside of a mule."

The traveler's effects were soon transferred to the living room of the ranch, where he was introduced to the ranchman's aged wife, and found that the only occupants of the place were themselves and their precocious grandson. Grimm was a German of the old school, with true Teutonic ideas of comfort, and it seemed that unusual preparations for the evening meal had been made in honor of his visitors. All in the way of food that the ranch could offer was on the table, and, surmounting the array of snowy biscuits, ham and eggs, juicy steak and canned fruit, stood a group of ancient glass decanters, their contents shining in a gradation of colors from deep red to straw yellow.

Little Hank seemed to look upon his share of the feast as an especial treat, and after it was disposed of his tongue ran more glibly than ever. At length his grandsire suspended for a moment a morsel of beef half raised to his mouth, and uttered a word of reproof.

"Henry, my boy, it is not right that the children should talk and the grown ones listen. Remember, you should be very good to-night. They say that Santa Claus to bad boys is not kind."

"But see," retorted the lad, quickly. "I was good before and what did he bring me? Nothing. I wanted a windchester and he brought me a tin wagon."

"The child would be a man before his time," put in his grandmother. "He talks

"layin' for Santa Claus." Little Hank mistaken a step that no midnight marauder could have foreseen. In forcing an entry to Grimm's ranch, the Mexican goat-herder, who had trailed Wells all the way from McKavett, had gone directly to his death. He lay outside the window, as he had fallen when the bulk of two loads of buckshot had struck him, and when Little Hank gazed into his dead face, its pallor more ghastly still in the lamplight, he screamed and staggered back, covering his eyes with trembling hands.

"I don't want to be a soldier," he sobbed. "I never want to kill another man as long as I live."

But his sturdy old granddam—descended, no doubt, from a long line of warlike Teutons—took him in her strong arms consolingly.

"But this man was a robber, my dear. Killing was his deserts, for he came to murder us all in our sleep. You saved our lives, and now would you turn coward and make us ashamed?"

"It was not a brave deed," growled old Grimm. "The boy thought to shoot Santa Claus and killed a lazy thief of a Mexican instead. It was a bull's-eye on the wrong target and no honor is won. Still, I am glad it has happened, for it may frighten his babyish mind from this folly about soldier-life and guns."

And so Kris Kringle did not visit the ranch that night, and Little Hank had to wait for his rifle—but not, as it chanced, so very long, after all. Arriving without farther incident at his destination, Wells first care was to visit the different gunstores of San Antonio upon an errand the nature of which can be easily guessed. On New Year's Eve the McKavett stage halted at Grimm's ranch to deliver a package, and a few minutes later the heart of the younger Hank was beating high with elation. Snugly packed in a neat box lay two guns—a tiny winchester and a light breech-loading shotgun. It was a present fit for a king, and a costlier one than Jack Wells' slim purse could have stood unaided; but his employers had been told how their thousands were saved and graciously donated two per cent. of the entire amount towards rewarding the principal actor in that Christmas Eve tragedy at the "Two Boot ranch."

S. D. BARNES.

"I'VE GOT YOU THIS TIME, SANTA CLAUS."

hard dirt floor lay a freshly discharged pistol and a Mexican sombrero.

"It is robbers that have been here," exclaimed the ranchman. "It is Mexican robbers, and they have shot my boy!"

Wells dived beneath the table, brought forth the injured lad and placed him tenderly in a chair; but he at once struggled to his feet. "Turn loose the dog, gran'paw, or he will git away. It's Santa Claus, and I'm blamed if he didn't miss me with his pistol right slap in my face. I never knowed afore that Santa Claus was an Arkansaw man."

Wells turned from the excited boy and approached the open window. Below it, and directly to the right, the whitewashed walls were torn and disfigured with shot, and there were great splotches and dark, trickling streams of something like red paint shining in the light of the lamp.

He turned to the old German; his features pale but collected.

"You will not need the dog," said he. "The man who tumbled through that window is lying where he fell—and I think I will recognize him when I see him."

Wells was right in both his surmises. In

AN AWFUL DEATH.

He—I understand Miss Goodgirl, the Sunday-school teacher, is dead. What was the trouble?

She—Suicide. She ate some of the candy that was hung on the Christmas tree.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Clear Field.

She sung a Christmas carol—
A lovely thing—it said:
"Meet me under the mistletoe
When papa's safe in bed."
—Chicago Record.

That Is All.

"What is the use of this article?" asked a shopper.

"I really don't know," replied the clerk; "I think it is intended to be sold for a Christmas present."—Puck.

Easily Answered.

Hojack—I often see the Christmas goose mentioned in Christmas stories. What is the Christmas goose?

Tomdik—The Christmas goose is the man who spends more money for presents than he can afford.—Judge.

A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT.

"What's your little brother cryin' for?"

"He hung up his stockin' last night and Santy Claus brought him a little brother, but he wanted a drum!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Sordid Soul.

Saymold Storey—What are you going to give your wife for a Christmas present?

Tudder Mann—I'm trying to find out which she would rather have—a tender young turkey or a new set of teeth.—Chicago Tribune.

JUST ABOUT XMAS

A CHRISTMAS COMEDY.

Rather Exciting, But All Concerned Are Expected to Recover.

"WELL, how did Christmas go off at your house?" Mrs. Talkmuch asked, after she had told Mrs. Spilkins exactly how much each of her own gifts had cost, and what she had exchanged them for afterwards.

"Oh-h, pretty well. We hope to be fully recovered from the effects of it in a week or two. You see, on Christmas Eve the children were so excited about the coming of Santa Claus that they couldn't get to sleep. Young Mr. Fizzleton stayed pretty late, too, at least it seemed so to Mr. Spilkins and myself, though Ethel didn't agree with us. After he left, we found that Harry's breathing was still too regular to be trusted and we must wait to hang the stockings. I said I'd wait up and do it—I'm a poor sleeper, anyhow. Why, I never close my eyes until I've made Mr. Spilkins get up and investigate the smell of gas in the room!"

"Yes, isn't it odd that it only smells after all the jets are turned off! I never used to smell gas until after I was married, but now, I—"

"Smell it every night? So do I. Mr. Spilkins said he'd get up and hang the stockings, said he could wake at any moment he chose. It seemed a pity that he never chooses to wake at the regular hour for getting up, but I said nothing—at least very little. Ethel wasn't sleepy and wanted to hang them, but her father said she'd be thinking of young Fizzleton and forget to notice whether the children were asleep or not. Why, she makes enough noise after he leaves at night to wake the dead!"

"Yes, the worst thing about Love's young dream is the fact that it forgets that other people need sleep!"

"M'hm. Well, I knew I'd have to hang those stockings, so when it was time I crept down to get them. We had left them on the dining table, but they were gone!"

"Mercy, burglars!"

"I knew that and flew upstairs. As I reached the head of the stairs, I heard some one creeping along the hall. In a second I was in the bedroom, with the door locked, but Mr. Spilkins wasn't there!"

"Gracious, had they—"

"Then came the most awful groans from the yard below and I knew that they had killed him and thrown him out of the window! I remembered then that I had borrowed his best necktie, the day before, without remembering to ask his consent, and now I was a lone widow, who could never ask forgiveness for the ink I had spilled on it! I flew to the window, calling: 'Police!

WHEN HE HEARD WIFEY CALL FOR THE POLICE.

Murder!' Then, I heard some one trying my door!"

"The burglars, of course. Oh, you poor heroine!"

"Yes, and then came awful screams from Ethel, her voice sounding as it does when her little brother brings a mouse into the room. Seizing my umbrella, I went to her rescue. In the hall I ran into the arms of a man and must have fainted, for the next thing I knew Mr. Spilkins was telling Ethel to burn the ostrich feathers on my new bonnet and see if that would not bring me to!"

"It did, I'm sure! But I thought Mr. Spilkins was murdered and—"

"Well, he wasn't. He had gotten the stockings and hung them, when he heard me call for the police and—"

"But the groans and Ethel's screams?"

"The groaning noise was young Mr. Fizzleton, singing a serenade of Christmas hymns under her window. She slept through that, being roused by her father rattling at my door, and thinking I was murdered!"

"Gracious! I hope that was the end of it!"

"It wasn't. The police came and seeing young Fizzleton in the yard, they brought him in to be identified as the burglar! It took half an hour to induce them to let him go, and then they were still suspicious. While we were thus engaged, the children woke up and ate all the candy in their stockings. I spent the rest of the night between ministering to them and comforting Ethel, who feared that Mr. Fizzleton would blame her for his sufferings. Yes, it was rather an exciting Christmas, but, as I said, we hope to be fully recovered from its effects in a week or two." ELISA ARMSTRONG.

All It Would Hold.

Dog-Faced Boy—Did yer get yer stockin' full o' good things Christmas?

Living Skeleton—Yes, indeed.

Dog-Faced Boy—What'd yer get?

Living Skeleton—A cigarette.—Town Topics.

As Good a Theory as Any.

Tommy—What are all the men trying to get to the north pole for?

Willie (scornfully)—What, don't you know, goosey? Why, Santa Claus lives there.—Brooklyn Life.

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WAR SITUATION.

Nothing Has Been Heard From Gen. Mathuen Since Sunday, and Uneasiness is Felt.

HIS COMMUNICATION PROBABLY CUT.

The Boer Position Already Formidably on December 11 Has Been Greatly Strengthened.

It is Entrenched by Modern Methods the Entire Length—They Are Well Supplied With Ammunition.

London, Dec. 21.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so his position is dangerous. A correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder river last Saturday, says: "The Boer position, already formidable on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point; guns have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault."

The Times, in an article from the pen of an artillery expert, laments the dispersion of the British forces, quotes the maxim of Napoleon in favor of concentration, and regrets that Lord Methuen did not retire to Orange river a week ago.

The latest dispatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to a surmise that he is trying to join Gen White by a flank movement.

The appeals for yeomanry and volunteers are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolseley proposes that the force being raised by the lord mayor of London be called the "City of London Imperial Volunteers." The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command, with Lord Lonsdale as adjutant general. The papers are now joining in free criticism of the government and the war office, as day by day fresh proofs of unpreparedness come to light. Special stress is laid upon the failure to provide proper transports which compels the columns to stick tight to railways, and upon the inferiority of the British artillery. The Australian colonies are responding eagerly to the imperial government's appeals for second contingents. It is reported that the queen will abandon her proposed visit to Italy in consequence of the war.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily News has the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, December 16:

"The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg, and are massing a great force at this abandoned British camp. One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch."

London, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions. The chief anxiety of the Burghers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lorenzo Marques."

GEN. WOOD'S WELCOME.

It Was Without Parallel in the History of Cuba on Entering Havana Wednesday.

Havana, Dec. 21.—The welcome given Gen. Wood Wednesday morning on entering Havana was, according to all the old residents, without parallel in the history of the island. The elaborate display of bunting in the harbor and the multitude of boats and bands showed that the hastily formed reception committee had done excellent work. Moreover there was a heartiness in the cheering that was quite unusual.

The battle ship Texas hoisted her flag to return the Mexico's salute and a number of bands played continuously around the steamer so long as Gen. Wood remained on board.

Very beautiful was the display made by the procession of launches which escorted the new governor general to the shore. During the morning there was a constant stream of callers at the Hotel Inglaterra, where Gen. Wood will remain until Gen. Brooke's departure. During the next few days Gen. Wood will only attend to routine work at the palace.

Car Shops Burned.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 21.—The car shop of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, the largest plant here, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The loss will be $75,000 to $100,000, and 300 men will be thrown out of employment.

The Forty-Eighth Starts for Manila.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The United States transport Grant cleared Wednesday and sailed for Manila with the last of the volunteer regiments, the 48th infantry (colored), in command of Col. W. A. Duval.

GEN. ROBERTS INTERVIEWED.

The New Commander, With His Family, Arrived in London Wednesday From Dublin.

London, Dec. 21.—Gen. Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London Wednesday morning, having traveled from Dublin with Mr. Chamberlain. Their departure from Dublin was marked by cheering crowds, but the general made a quiet entry into London. After going to a private hotel he spent about an hour at the war office in consultation with the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war. Then Gen. Roberts returned to the task of packing his effects and interviewing the officers selected for his staff.

When "Little Bobs," the beloved of Tommy Atkins, received a representative of the press, he was dressed in the deepest black in vivid contrast with his snow white hair and moustache. His dapper little figure was as straight as ever, but the eyes that have so often scanned British victory were slightly dimmed by the great personal sorrow that has befallen him. But in spite of this and the multitude of details that claimed his attention, Gen. Roberts willingly assented to send, through a press representative, a parting message to the American people and gave the following statement:

"Circumstances naturally forbid my speaking about the campaign ahead of me, except to say that I have entire confidence in the British soldier and that I believe the traditions of our army will be upheld in South Africa.

"For the friendly interest and sympathy exhibited by many Americans I am most deeply grateful. I feel sure the justice of our course merits this. Though we may be at war, I can safely say that no unnecessary harshness and no acts of inhumanity will mar the fair name of this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race. I can not too warmly express my admiration for the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canada will always be a glorious page in the history of the sons of the empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent and is sending to the front.

"The reports which indicate that disloyalty exists in the Irish regiments are absolutely untrue. In the hour of danger my countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for their queen and their country, and, whether it be against the Boers or men of any other nationality, the Irish soldier will be found loyal to his queen and brave in battle.

OFFICIAL CALL.

The Republican National Convention Will Meet in Philadelphia June 19, 1900.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Mark A. Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee, issued a call for the next republican national convention Wednesday night. The national republican committee directs that a national convention of delegated representatives of the republican party be held at the city of Philadelphia for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice president to be voted for at the presidential election, Tuesday, November 6, 1900, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it and that said convention shall assemble at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, June 19, 1900.

Said national convention shall consist of a number of delegates at large from each state, equal to double the number of United States senators to which each state is entitled and for each representative at large in congress two delegates at large, from each congressional district and the District of Columbia, two delegates; from each of the territories of Alaska, Arizona, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Oklahoma, two delegates. For each delegate elected to said convention an alternate delegate shall be elected to act in case of the absence of the delegate, said alternate delegate to be elected at the time and in the manner of electing the delegates.

All delegates shall be elected not less than 30 days before the meeting of the national convention.

Will Remain in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Speaker Henderson will remain in Washington during the holiday recess and attend to a number of matters of house organization, including the assignment of committee rooms. The new insular committee is to have commodious quarters in keeping with the important work it will have in hand and there may be some other reassignments, although most of the old standing committees will retain their former quarters.

California's Golden Jubilee.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 21.—The celebration of the golden jubilee of the founding of California's government began here Wednesday. The chief feature of Wednesday's proceedings was the reproduction of the inauguration of Peter H. Burnett, the first governor of the state.

To Pay Off the Mortgage.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—The Times Thursday morning started subscriptions for a fund to pay off the mortgage on Gen. Lawton's estate and headed the list with a subscription of $25.

Julia Morrison's Trial.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The trial of Julia Morrison, who killed stage manager Frank Leyden at a local theater here, has been set for Thursday, January 4.

LAWTON'S BODY.

His Staff and a Squadron of Cavalry, as Escort, Arrived With it in Manila Wednesday.

THE REMAINS PLACED IN A VAULT.

They Will Finally Be Brought Home on a Transport For Interment, Probably in Arlington Cemetery.

Lawton's Death Causes Universal Sorrow in Manila—Commanded the Respect of All Ranks of Insurgents.

Manila, Dec. 21.—Maj. Gen. Lawton's body was brought from San Mateo to Manila Wednesday afternoon, his staff and a squadron of cavalry acting as escort. It was found necessary to bridge the river.

The funeral will take place from his late residence here, a mansion formerly occupied by a Spanish general. The body has been temporarily placed in a vault in El Paco cemetery, where many of the American soldiers have been interred, and a guard of honor will be maintained. When Mrs. Lawton and her four children shall have completed their arrangements for returning to the United States the remains will be taken on a transport, with an escort of officers, for final interment, as is thought probable, in Arlington cemetery.

Gen. Lawton's death has caused universal sorrow in Manila. No American officer had greater popularity among all ranks, and in his dealings with the natives he commanded their respect and confidence to a remarkable degree. The mayors whom he installed in the neighboring towns are arranging to attend the funeral in a body.

To his executive ability and personal leadership is chiefly due the brilliant execution of the plan of campaign in North Luzon, which has scattered the insurrectionary forces from San Pidro to the Gulf of Lingayen. That section of the island which had to be traversed during the very worst season of the year, presented difficulties considered by all acquainted with it to be almost insurmountable, but Gen. Lawton thoroughly covered the programme assigned him.

When he reached Tayug and found that the other division had not arrived he went through to Dagupan on his own responsibility. Although he imposed great hardships on his men he invariably shared their lot cheerfully.

Thirteen Americans, including three officers, were wounded in the engagement at San Mateo where Gen. Lawton was killed. Capt. Breckinridge's wound is not considered dangerous, although the bullet penetrated his arm and side.

It is estimated that the insurgents numbered 500 and that half of them were armed with rifles. The Americans numbered 1,300, but the command had been much depleted by sickness.

The wagon train found the roads impassable and was obliged to return.

The insurgents retreated to the northeast leaving six dead. They have other forces near Taytay. This region, although close to Manila, has proved the most difficult from which to dislodge the enemy. It is now reported that the insurgents intend to concentrate at Santa Cruz, Laguna province and in the district of Laguna de Bay.

The American secret service reports that Aguinaldo has joined the Mairiquina force.

Washington, Dec 21.—Senator Fairbanks saw the president Wednesday in regard to the return of Gen. Lawton's body to the United States. The senator suggested that the funeral ceremonies be given something of a national character.

Secretary Root made the following statement Wednesday in regard to the death of Gen. Lawton:

"It is seldom that a loss can so truly be called irreparable, as in the case of Gen. Lawton's death, because he not only possessed the highest soldierly qualities, but the process of selection by actual experience had brought about universal recognition of these qualities while he was in the full vigor of life, so that the opportunity for great usefulness and the highest commands lay before him. He had not merely the quality of courage but the quality of command, which inspired his troops with his indomitable will and disregard of danger. When the story of his march through central and northern Luzon, in the autumn of 1899, comes to be written, I believe that the crowning achievement of his life of strenuous and noble service will be deemed to add lustre to American arms, and secure for him an enduring place as one of the heroic figures of American history."

Forefathers Day in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Forefathers' day was celebrated by a reception, followed by a banquet Wednesday night at the First Congregational club. Addresses were made by Rev. Ross Fishburn, Hon. H. Clay Evans, ex-President Merrill, E. Gates, of Amherst college, Justice David J. Brewer, of the supreme court, and Henry L. West.

Pension for Mrs. Lawton.

Washington, Dec 21.—Representative Landis, of Indiana, introduced a bill in the house Wednesday granting a pension of $2,000 a year to the widow of Gen. Lawton.

BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

The Main Building, Including the Laboratories, Library, etc., Burned to the Ground.

Akron, O., Dec. 21.—The main building of Buchtel college, including all the laboratories, library, men's and women's dormitories, was burned to the ground Wednesday night. The fire started in the men's dormitory about 5 o'clock and spread to other portions of the building rapidly. Much of the personal property of the students and a large number of valuable books from the library were saved. The loss is fully $100,000, with $65,000 insurance.

A meeting of the students and friends of the college was held Thursday morning and it is probable that the college will be rebuilt at once.

Not a Clerk Retained.

Columbus, O., Dec. 21.—Following the appointment to clerkships of Lemert and Walton, Gov.-elect Nash Wednesday afternoon announced Edward Shaul, Mechanicsburg, as commission clerk, completing his office force. Not an attache of Bushnell's force is retained. Lemert is a prosecuting attorney, Shaul is a member of the Champaign county committee and Walton a stenographer, who stumped for Nash.

The Reiff Brothers Welcomed Home.

Toledo, O., Dec. 21.—Lester Reiff and his brother John whose performance on the English turf last summer attracted the attention of the racing world, returned to their home at Cygnet, an oil town south of here. The entire town turned out to welcome them. The Reiff home is a humble cottage. The jockeys will build a more pretentious residence before they return.

Heavy Christmas Trade.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Cincinnati dealers in toys and holiday goods report the heaviest Christmas trade they have ever known. Many novelties are displayed this year, and merchants say there is a surprising demand for high-priced goods.

James Cain Goes Free.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Judge Murphy Wednesday nollied the second degree murder indictment against Jas. Cain, the Lockland barber, who shot at his wife and killed their child. Cain has served five years, and the supreme court granted him a new trial.

Gov.-Elect Nash Initiated.

Springfield, O., Dec. 21.—Exalted Ruler L. M. Harris and other prominent elks, of this city, went to Columbus to attend the initiation of Gov.-elect George K. Nash Wednesday. John R. McLean was also elected to Columbus lodge.

The Telephone at Marysville.

Marysville, O., Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the city council, W. H. Armstrong was granted a local telephone franchise. Mr. Armstrong will begin the work of erecting the poles at once and have the line completed as soon as possible.

TURNED ON THE GAS.

Citizens Win in the Fight with Furnishers of Natural Gas

Noblesville, Ind., Dec. 21—The spirited fight between the Citizens' and the Natural Gas Company, that has been raging for weeks, culminated yesterday by Judge Neal ordering the Sheriff to proceed at once and see that the gas was turned on at the residences of several leading citizens and the daily newspaper which has espoused the cause of the consumers, whose gas rates in many instances were doubled. The case will be rushed to the Supreme Court immediately.

For Pipes and Smokers' sets go to the Aquarium Cigar store.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it." writes H N Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. H F Vortkamp northeast corner Main and North streets,

PIMPLES

"My wife had pimples on her face, but she has been taking CASCARETS and they have all disappeared. I had been troubled with constipation for some time, but after taking the first Cascaret I have had no trouble with this ailment. We cannot speak too highly of Cascarets." FRED WARTMAN, 5708 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Mr. Butler Proposes an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SUPREME JUDGES TO BE ELECTED.

The Construction of the Pacific Cable From San Francisco to Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines.

Filibustering in the House of Representatives—Both Houses Adjourned Wednesday Until January 3, 1900.

Washington, Dec 21.—In the final session of the senate Wednesday before the holiday recess, Mr Pettigrew (S. D.), in a characteristically incisive speech, demanded to know whether it was to be the policy of the representatives of the administration to suppress proper facts and news when called for by a senator. He said he believed an effort was being made to prevent the testimony taken by the war investigation commission from being sent to the senate and declared his purpose of not submitting to the suppression of information to which the people, in his opinion, were entitled.

Taking Maj. Gen. Brooke's farewell proclamation to the people of Cuba as a text, Mr Hale (Me.), briefly congratulated the general upon the work he had accomplished in Cuba and said he could now see the dawn of the time when the Cuban people would be independent. Mr. Morgan (Ala.) offered an amendment to Mr. Bacon's resolutions guaranteeing to the people of Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines a republican government, and Mr Hoar (Mass.), introduced a resolution declaring how the people of the island possessions of the United States should be governed.

Senators Gallinger and Foster both introduced bills in the senate authorizing the appointment of commissions to investigate trade conditions in the Orient.

Senator McMillan introduced a bill for the construction of a Pacific cable from San Francisco to Hawaii Guam and the Philippines, the route to be decided by a commission.

Senator Foster, a bill to authorize the leasing of lands west of the 99th meridian for grazing purposes.

Senator Sullivan, a bill to prohibit dealing in cotton futures, and also a bill authorizing the president to select a commissioner to the Paris exposition from each state.

A joint resolution, reported by Mr. Lodge from the committee on foreign relations, authorizing N M Brooks superintendent of mails, to accept decorations from Liberia and Bolivia was adopted.

Mr Morgan (Ala.), proposed an amendment to Mr. Bacon's joint resolution guaranteeing to the people of Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines a republican form of government and protection against invasion. It was not referred.

Mr Butler (N. C.) proposed an amendment to the constitution, providing that the chief justice of the United States and United States judges shall be elected by the people. It was referred to the judiciary committee. Adjourned until 12 o'clock, January 3, 1900.

No business was transacted at the brief session of the house Wednesday. The time was occupied in a filibuster against a motion to adjourn. The democrats and some republicans did the filibustering, in order to give Mr Grow, the venerable ex speaker of the house, an opportunity to reply to some statements made Tuesday by Mr Gaines (Tenn.)

Mr Payne, the majority leader was defeated on two roll calls. Mr Richardson chaffed him on his defeat in a good-natured way. After Mr Grow had made his statement the house adjourned until 12 o'clock, January 3 1900.

Relief for British Soldiers' Families

Chicago, Dec. 21.—President Scull of the British-American league of the Chicago board of trade, Wednesday cabled $5,000 to the chairman of the soldiers relief committee in London the money to be used for the relief of families of British soldiers killed in the South African war.

Death of Rev. F. D. Newhouse.

Mankato, Minn., Dec 21.—Rev Dr F. D. Newhouse, presiding elder of the Mankato district M E church, died of pleuro-pneumonia, aged 42. He was a graduate of Depauw university and has been a missionary in China and India. The interment will be at Williamsport, Ind.

A Candidate for Governor.

Wheeling, W Va., Dec 21.—In an open letter to the Wheeling Intelligencer Wednesday night Hon. A B White, of Parkersburg, announced his candidacy for the republican gubernatorial nomination next year.

College President Drops Dead.

Fargo, N D., Dec. 21.—President H. B. Simmons, of the Fargo college Wednesday night, while standing in a book store, suddenly fell to the floor. Death was instantaneous and is supposed to have been due to heart failure.

Wireless Telegraphy on Trains.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wireless telegraphy in railroad service is to be given a practical test by the Ann Arbor. A contract between the road company and the Marconi company was closed Wednesday and the arrangements for installing the new system will begin at once.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

John M. Meddins, formerly a well-known politician of Lancaster county, Neb., was Wednesday declared insane.

The German federal council has discontinued the favored nation privileges to products from the island of Barbados, British West Indies.

Wednesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $291,557,677; gold reserve, $241,448,256.

The Dreyfus family, it is said, contemplates the founding of a newspaper in Paris, with Clemenceau as editor.

The training ship Chesapeake, the first sailing vessel built for the navy in more than 40 years, has just completed a most successful trial trip in Massachusetts bay.

At Bay City, Mich., the saw-mill and salt block of McEwen Bros. & Co., together with 6,300 barrels of salt, were burned Wednesday afternoon. The loss is $78,000, with $24,000 insurance.

The annual Yale catalogue of Yale university was issued Wednesday. It shows that there are 2,517 students in the university against 2,511 a year ago.

Henry F. Corbett, who was arrested on suspicion of having shot Rev. David B Cheney and wife, two weeks ago at Racine, Wis., was taken before the Cheneys Wednesday afternoon and positively identified as the guilty man.

The bill which attracted considerable discussion in the last congress, codifying the laws of Alaska and providing a code of civil procedure, was reintroduced Wednesday by Representative Warner, of Illinois. It is practically the same bill as last year.

Despite repeated British denials it seems to be a fact that British agents are busy in many of the rural districts of Germany hiring veterans for service in South Africa. Several well authenticated cases have been reported this week.

Secretary Long called at the white house Wednesday and informed the president that the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster probably would reach Washington on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week for burial at Arlington.

The yellow fever hospital located on an island across the bay from Santiago de Cuba was destroyed by fire Wednesday. Before the American occupation the building had been used by the Spanish as a pest house for the treatment of victims of smallpox, yellow fever and Asiatic plague.

The secretary of the treasury has notified the interior department that the appropriations relating to Alaska under the control of the treasury are so specific that they can not be applied for the relief of Alaskan natives on Kodiak island, who are reported to be in destitute condition.

The best information obtainable in Wall street Wednesday was to the effect that at least $5,000,000 in gold will be sent abroad on Saturday. Rumors credit several of the leading foreign exchange houses with engagements to export, and several of the banks, banking houses and trust companies will very likely do the same.

A dispatch from Malta states that the steamer Cameo passed there Wednesday and reports that she picked up on December 17 in latitude 37 north longitude 6 east, the crew of the Italian brig Lenoccia, Capt. Muro, from Rockland, Me., for Palermo. The Lenoccia foundered December 15 and the men had been drifting until sighted by the Cameo.

Will Ask for an Increase.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec 21.—An increase of 15 cents per ton on the present price for mining coal will be asked for next April by the miners of West Virginia. This action is the result of a two days session in this city of District 17 of the United Mine Workers' of America which ended Wednesday.

Chartered a Steamer.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec 21.—The dominion government has chartered the Allen Line steamers Parisian and Laurentian to carry the second Canadian contingent, with their horses and guns, from Halifax to Cape Town.

Four Miners Buried Alive.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 21.—A telephone message to the Independent from the Angeles camp says: A cave-in occurred in the Lightner mines at Angeles Wednesday. Four miners are buried and it is feared they are lost. The cave-in was in the 300-foot level.

White Star Steamer Overdue.

Queenstown, Dec. 21.—Considerable anxiety is felt regarding the White Star steamer Oceanic, Capt Cameron, which left New York on December 13. She is 30 hours overdue.

Noted Musician Dead.

New York, Dec 21.—Cable advices received here Wednesday announced the death in Dublin on Tuesday of Prof. J. W. Glover, the eminent musician, aged 89 years.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.

FLOUR—Spring fancy, $3.00@3.15, spring family, $2.90@3.00; spring patent, $3.75@4.00; winter fancy $3.00@3.15 winter family $2.35@2.70, winter patent $3.25@3.60, extra $2.05@2.25 low grade, $1.75@1.95, northwestern rye, $2.85@3.10 do city $3.10@3.15

WHEAT—Sales No 3 red quoted nominal at 68c on track

HOGS—Select shippers, $4.10; select butchers, $4.05@4.07 fair fair to good packers $4.00@4.05 fair to good light $3.95@4.05, common and roughs, $3.50@3.85

CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, $4.25@5.35, good to choice butchers, $4.15@4.75 fair to medium butchers, $3.40@4.00, common $2.75@3.35;

SHEEP—Extras $3.75@3.85 good to choice $3.00@3.50 common to fair $2.00@2.75

LAMBS—Extras $5.15@5.25; good to choice, $4.75@5.10 common to fair $3.75@4.75

VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light $6.00@6.50; common and large $4.00@6.00

CHICAGO, Dec. 20

WHEAT—December 65⅝c, May, 69⅝@69¾c; July 69¾c.

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Thanking the many who have given us their patronage since we came to the city, and trusting they may continue to come and others with them, we are respectfully,

F. B. Hover Shoe Co.,

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P. S.---We carry a full line of Rubbers.

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Merry Christmas Is Almost Here.

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Will save much time and thought in selecting your

Useful Christmas Presents.

Couches, Rockers, Sideboards, Tables, Stands, Bookcases, Desks, &c.,

And Remember the place,

J. W. ROWLANDS,

THE HOUSE FURNISHER.

Mr. Otto Cook, of Westminister, O., held lucky number, drew the Rug at

THE GLOBE

Home Seekers Excursion.

For information about reduced fares through time, and other particulars regarding Home Seekers' Excursions to the South and West apply to Pennsylvania Lines Ticket Agents.

CATARRH CANNOT BE CURED

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the disease. Catarrh is a blood or a constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials.

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Sold by druggists, price 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

COURT HOUSE.

Routine Happenings at Allen County's Capitol.

In the case of Butterworth & Co. vs. Lewis C. Everton et al, a hearing was had by Judge Cunningham yesterday, with the result that all of the property was turned over to the plaintiff by order of the court. This order transfers all the stock of goods in the Rub shoe store over to Butterworth & Co.

The Metropolitan Bank of Lima, to Helen M Francis, the east half of inlot 39 in the original town of Lima; $1,250.

John W Ashtion and wife to Margaret Clifford, inlot 1141 in Lima; $1,050.

L T Hull to Nancy R Billing; inlot 243 in Harrod; $75.

Ernest Gratz, and wife to James Coon; 60 acres of land in Richland township, quit claim; $245.

Willis M McKibben to Melinda J McKibben, the north part of inlot 4943 in T K Jacobs' addition; $1.

Joseph Hartmann and wife to Frederick L Heisterman, 2 70-100 of land in Delphos; $475.

Eugenia Meily and husband to William A. Riddell, inlot 5147 in Meiley's west Wayne street addition, $400.

Henry Lause and wife and Elizabeth Lause to S. W. Wright, 20 acres of land in Marion township; $1,000.

Probate Matters

Catherine Herrington has filed a petition for divorce from her husband, James Herrington, alleging extreme cruelty.

W H Duffield, as trustee of the estate of Val Marshall and John Feyt, deceased, filed his fourth account.

A marriage license was issued to Thomas R Thomas, aged 27, a physician of Van Wert, and Minnie Watkins, aged 25, a daughter of Thomas J Watkins, of Gomer.

Recorder's Office.

The following transfers of real estate were filed yesterday.

E A Bogart, sheriff, to the Metropolitan Bank of Lima, the east half of inlot 39 in the original town of Lima; $1,050.

Life size portraits are still 98c. 109 east Wayne street. 1m

Mrs J K Brice will read "The Bears" from Josey and "The Chipmunk at the Kindergarten entertainment Friday night. 2t

HOLLY WREATHES,

The only wreathes made of extra fancy Holly in the city. LIMA FLORAL CO. tf

POLING

Wins the Shot Put at Y. M. C. A. Last Night---Basket Ball.

The basket ball game between the regular Y M C A and a picked team was won by the former at the Y M C A last night. The score:

Y. M. C. A. Team—	Goals	Fouls
Bressler, L F	4	2
Moore, R F	9	2
Poling, C	2	0
Smith, R G	1	0
Kelly, L G	11	0
Picked Team—	**Goals**	**Fouls**
Street, R F	1	1
Holthan, L F	2	0
Campbell, C	0	1
Jones, R G	2	0
Hardy, L G	2	1

Goal from foul, Bresler, referee, Plate; umpire, Diemer; scorer, Mitchell.

During the evening the shot put was well contested and finally won by Poling with a put of 34 feet, 9 inches; Bresler second, and Smith third.

THE NICKEL PLATE ROAD

will sell Holiday excursion tickets good going on Dec. 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1899 and Jan. 1st, 1900, at one and one third fare for the round trip, good returning to and including Jan. 2nd, 1900. With its Peerless Trio of Daily Express Trains and an Unexcelled Dining Car Service, the Nickel Plate Road offers special inducements for Holiday travel.

VERY SICK.

The child of Mr and Mrs Charles Stagman, of Collet street, is seriously sick.

Leave orders early for Xmas candies at Stolzenbachs. 3t

JOSEPH GOLDSMITH

The New Proprietor of the Hotel Norval.

As was stated in Tuesday's NEWS, Mr Joseph Goldsmith, owner of the Lima House, is the new proprietor of the Hotel Norval, the papers transferring the lease from Burns & Spratt, being signed late yesterday afternoon.

January tenth is the date Mr Goldsmith expects to open the new hotel.

WATSONS SPECIAL

You may still have the opportunity during this week to get our same 50c special. Our Competitors say we are selling it below cost in order to attract a crowd But what difference does that make to you so long as you are able to get 75c worth of the best staple groceries for 50c. You get the bargain and we get the Crowd. Do you see. While you are in after the special don't forget our candy and other Christmas fixings. We have the largest stock and the lowest prices.

WATSON & Co 6t

Cheapest Grocery in Lima.

ACCIDENTALLY

Shot While Hunting---Death of Mrs. Frank Ashton's Brother.

Mr and Mrs Frank M Ashton, residing on north Main street, are in Portland, Ind., having been called there yesterday by the accidental death of Mrs Ashton's brother, who was shot by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting.

Money to loan at 2 per cent. T K Wilkins, Opera House Block.

Wood for the entire city. We make it and sell it to the consumers. 60 loads per day; five teams waiting to deliver it promptly at your door at $1 per load. Phone your wants either phone to south side saw mill.

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WANTED—HELP.

WANTED—Girl immediately to assist in house keeping. No washing, no ironing. Apply at 746 west Market street.

WANTED—Young girl to assist with house work. Call at 206 Central avenue.

WANTED—Solicitors, that are well acquainted in the city can make 2 to 4 dollars per day. None but hustlers need apply. Call at 703 east High street between 7 and 8 p m. 1w

WANTED—Chimneys to clean. Phone 606 and have the work done correctly. Wm. Hawkins, tf

WANTED—Cook and dining room girl. Call at 931 south Main street.

WANTED—A position to do general housework by a good German country girl. No washing. D D, 743 south Elizabeth street.

WANTED—By man or wife place as first and second cook. Best references. Address Allyn, 232 Central avenue.

WANTED—Woman for the kitchen also a woman for light laundry work. Apply at once. Hotel Cambridge.

FOR SALE-MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Three new houses on Bellefontaine ave. Will sell on monthly payments, for less than rent. Call on T K Wilkins, 22 Opera block.

FOR SALE—County map; latest make; will sell at a bargain. Inquire at the NEWS office.

FOR SALE—One good cow one half Jersey will be fresh soon inquire of W. F. Baker Lima, O.

FOR SALE—A good three year old Brookful colt (broke). Will sell cheap if sold soon. Call at 928 Hughes ave.

FOR SALE—A light delivery wagon, counter table 11 ft long, writing desk and large map of the world. Will sell cheap. Enquire at 727 south Main street. 3t

FOR SALE—Good team of work Horses Harness and wagon. Have worked in the oil field. Will sell cheap. Enquire at 802 west North street or Chas L Gottfried. 3t

FOR SALE—1 swell bed sleigh, 1 horse in good condition will sell cheap Call at 714 Atlantic avenue.

FOR RENT, ETC.

FOR RENT—House of six rooms, one square from opera house. Enquire at NEWS office.

FOR RENT—A good desirable dwelling with all modern conveniences located on west Spring street. Enquire at Gooding's Shoe Store, 230 north Main street.

FOR RENT—A good new house in west part of Lima. Bath, cellar, gas, cistern, city water, also barn if desired. Call at room 2 Satterthwaite Block. Rent very low to good party.

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Fine line new style German Accordians with new attachments. Full stock of Mandolins, Zithers, Violins, Drums, Flutes and all kinds of Musical Instruments. Also all the latest Sheet Music at popular prices. 3t

Jo Daller has a safe full of Watches, Diamonds, Chains, Charms, Rings, etc., which you can buy at your own price.

BOOKS, BOOKS! Call at the NEWS office tonight and get your books.

Choice of any Suit or Overcoat, $12.90.

CHOICE OF ANY SUIT OR OVERCOAT $12.90.

A Sale That is a Sale.

In order to boom our Christmas trade greater than ever known in the history of Lima we will inaugurate the greatest sale of the year.

Until Christmas! Until Christmas!

Your free, undisputed and unreserved choice of any Suit or Overcoat in the store at $12.90---$12.90.

The chance of a life time, Everything goes. The finest Worsted and Broadcloth Suits, worth $18, $20 and $22, all go at

$12.90--$12.90

Any Overcoat, whether it is English Kersey, imported Montagues, Beavers, etc., worth $15.00, 18.00 and 20.00, all go at

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HISTORY

Of Interest To Oil

Trade-What Happened at Pithole, Thirty Four

Years Ago Yesterday-Shipments Have Declined

Some Interesting Developments in Our Home Country—Oil Notes.

Thirty-four years ago about one-half the population of Pithole, Pa., the famous city of rapid growth, left the town to take care of itself. Houses by the score were vacated, and left to the mercy of the winds and the rats, which were the largest and fattest ever seen. The oil excitement had died a natural death. The people became panic-stricken and virtually stampeded. The desire to flee became epidemic. Some in their haste to return whence they came, actually neglected to take with them many valuable articles of furniture and bric-a-brac. Wells were shut down for good in all stages of progression. That was not all. The material on scores of them was never again claimed by an owner. It was purloined and used by anybody and everybody that needed it. It was the awfulest waste of wealth that was ever witnessed anywhere.

These are facts that can be substantiated by many oil men now in the city. The city of 15,000 or 20,000 people became almost desolate in the short space of three month's time. Pithole had, not only a national, but an international reputation. It is seldom spoken of now. The operators living, who dwelt there, look back to it as an Arabian Night scene, and speak of it in a kind of whisper.

About Lima.

George H Meily has just completed a very good well on the McClure farm, six miles east of that city. It is close to the P Ft W & C R R, in Jackson township, Allen county.

The Ohio Oil company has completed a very small well on the Culp farm, a little north of Wapakoneta.

The Ohio Oil company has a new well on the Shuler farm in Bath township, said to be good for a 100 barrels.

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Toledo Commercial—F E Boden, the man of all fields, was in this country yesterday. Mr Boden reaches after big things and has been known to find them occasionally. He has given the West Va. field attention for the past two years, and has been quite successful in his operations.

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W T Miller went to Wapak on oil business yesterday afternoon.

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A D Herring went over to Portland, Indiana, yesterday, on business.

Miss Francis Freeman, of Piqua, returns home tomorrow to spend Xmas.

Mrs C R Stoffer, of Deshler, is the guest of Mrs M F Brooks, of south Jackson street.

Mrs A Henderson and son Alex, of Sidney, are visiting Mrs J S Sparling, of south Central avenue.

Mrs B A Stockdale returned from Louisville, Ky., yesterday, where she has been visiting for two weeks past.

A B Nungester, of south Main street, goes to Chicago Saturday to attend Zion meeting that holds forth Holiday week.

These ladies were yesterday guests of Mrs N W Cunningham at Bluffton, Misses Ella and Mabel Mackenzie, Mesdames J H Woods, Lush Butler, Hill and J N Hutchinson.

Rolle Rice and sister, Miss Mary, returned to their home in Chicago last evening, after having spent several days with C H Adkins' and Dr Mathews' families.

Masters Clarence and Alexander McFarland returned to their home with H P Williamson, from South Bend, Ind., at which place the boys are attending school.

Mr and Mrs W H C Mitchell, of Traverse City, Mich., are in the city the guests of Mrs W U Hover, at Hover park, with whom they will spend Christmas. Mrs Mitchell is a sister of Mrs Hover, while Mr Mitchell is brother to T T Mitchell, of the Bank.

Jo Daller's brother the head of the house of C. Oskamp, Cincinnati, O., sent to Jo a wagon load of fine dairy for him to sell.

Have your order at Bower's Bakery for Ice Cream and Cake, for Xmas Dinner.

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And Mrs Martha Neff Married Yesterday Morning.

The marriage of ex-Sheriff Aaron Fisher, to Mrs Martha J Neff, of 806 east North street, yesterday morning was a happy surprise to their friends. The ceremony was pronounced in the presence of the immediate family, by Rev E D Whitlock. Mr and Mrs Fisher left on the afternoon train for Delphos, their future home.

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The facilities for doing the best work are unsurpassed by any laundry in the State. They have all the latest and most improved machinery for the purpose and can furnish your laundry in any finish you desire, domestic, medium or gloss finish. They have machines for either finish desired.

You will always find their work satisfactory. Their process will not wear out fine collars and cuffs. The management is on a first class basis and everything is done for the best interests of their patrons. Their trade is rapidly increasing, owing to the satisfactory work done.

If not pleased with the work you have been getting elsewhere, try the Niagara.

LOCAL NOTES.

While shopping yesterday morning Mrs. Shockey, of south Main street, lost her pocketbook on car No 38, in charge of conductor Niles and Motorman Westover, who found it and returned it to the owner.

The Modern Woodmen, of Lima Camp will give an entertainment this evening at Klaus Hall and it promises to be of rare interest. They will give the play of "Carl Johnson, the Woodman."

A girl baby was born to Mr and Mrs M U Bassinger yesterday.

The Gun club will shoot Friday afternoon. New year's day there will be a live bird shot.

P. H. T. Tribe No. 23, I. O. R. M. met in their wigwam last night and duly instructed the following candidates into the mysteries of the order: Lewis Brooker, Louis Keppler, Barnard Montague and W. F. Yazel, and they are now full fledged Indians. If you don't believe it ask them about it.

A horse belonging to Dr. W. E. Hover, frightened at a car while hitched at the Pennsylvania station yesterday and ran away. The buggy was badly damaged.

Two prettier windows than those at the F. B. Hover Shoe Co., southwest corner of the square, are seldom seen. Those two popular and obliging salesman, Charles Bressler and Walter Hess, were the artists who vied with each other in making the prettiest display and it is a question which is the best.

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THEY CAME IN TOO LATE

To tell our friends about them so we are going to cut them to pieces, 100 Dozen China Cups and Saucers that were bought to sell at 25c, and 100 Dozen China Plates that were bought to sell at 25c, both will be sold at 18c each, these are beauties and every one will buy them on sight. We cannot afford to carry these over another year, hence we make a price that must sell them this week.

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HIS MOTHER DEAD

Conductor Bashore, of the L. E. & W. Receives Sad News.

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Of Interest To Oil

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Some Interesting Developments in Our Home Country—Oil Notes.

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IS OUR MOTTO. We show you nothing but new goods. We have no shop-worn, left-overs from previous seasons to offer you, but the choice of 1899's production. Strictly one price---all goods marked in plain figures.

"Meet Me at the Lima House Corner."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Jim Britt was in St Marys yesterday.

M F Brown, of Xenia, is visiting C F Harrison of Linden street.

W T Miller went to Wapak on oil business yesterday afternoon.

Mr Michael Enas, of Adrian, Mich., is the guest of Miss Kate Cahill.

A D Herring went over to Portland, Indiana, yesterday, on business.

Miss Francis Freeman, of Piqua, returns home tomorrow to spend Xmas.

Mrs C R Stoffer, of Deshler, is the guest of Mrs M F Brooks, of south Jackson street.

Mrs A Henderson and son Alex, of Sidney, are visiting Mrs J S Sparling, of south Central avenue.

Mrs B A Stockdale returned from Louisville, Ky., yesterday, where she has been visiting for two weeks past.

A B Nungester, of south Main street, goes to Chicago Saturday to attend Zion meeting that holds forth Holiday week.

These ladies were yesterday guests of Mrs N W Cunningham at Bluffton, Misses Ella and Mabel Mackenzie, Mesdames J H Woods, Luah Butler, Hill and J N Hutchinson.

Rollo Rice and sister, Miss Mary, returned to their home in Chicago last evening, after having spent several days with C H Adkins' and Dr Mathews' families.

Masters Clarence and Alexander McFarland returned to their home with H P Williamson, from South Bend, Ind., at which place the boys are attending school.

Mr and Mrs W H C Mitchell, of Traverse City, Mich., are in the city the guests of Mrs W U Hover, at Hover park, with whom they will spend Christmas. Mrs Mitchell is a sister of Mrs Hover, while Mr Mitchell is a brother to T T Mitchell, of the City Bank.

Jo Daller's brother the head of the firm of C. Oskamp, Cincinnati, O., has sent to Jo a wagon load of fine Jewelry for him to sell.

Leave your order at Bower's Bakery, for Ice Cream and Cake, for your Xmas Dinner.

Buy your Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos, Violins and other Christmas goods of Porter & Son.

EX-SHERIFF FISHER

And Mrs Martha Neff Married Yesterday Morning.

The marriage of ex-Sheriff Aaron Fisher, to Mrs Martha J Neff, of 806 east North street, yesterday morning was a happy surprise to their friends. The ceremony was pronounced in the presence of the immediate family, by Rev E D Whitlock. Mr and Mrs Fisher left on the afternoon train for Delphos, their future home.

Country Butter at Elmer Crossley's.

Only 18c for the finest China Cup and Saucer you ever laid your eyes on at the Lima Tea Co. 3t

Stolzenbach is now ready with your Xmas candies. 3t

PRIMROSES,

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Plenty of spare ribs and Country sausage at Elmer Crossley's.

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THE NIAGARA LAUNDRY.

A Place Worthy the Attention of the Citizens of Lima.

In walking through the Niagara Laundry, yesterday, in company with Mr. Mosier, we were surprised at the extent of the plant. They employ 22 people, paying them fair salaries. All this money is spent in the city and is worth considering in a business way.

The facilities for doing the best work are unsurpassed by any laundry in the State. They have all the latest and most improved machinery for the purpose and can furnish your laundry in any finish you desire, domestic, medium or gloss finish. They have machines for either finish desired.

You will always find their work satisfactory. Their process will not wear out fine collars and cuffs. The management is on a first class basis and everything is done for the best interests of their patrons. Their trade is rapidly increasing, owing to the satisfactory work done.

If not pleased with the work you have been getting elsewhere, try the Niagara.

LOCAL NOTES.

While shopping yesterday morning Mrs. Shockey, of south Main street, lost her pocketbook on car No 38, in charge of conductor Niles and Motorman Westover, who found it and returned it to the owner.

The Modern Woodmen, of Lima Camp will give an entertainment this evening at Klaus Hall and it promises to be of rare interest. They will give the play of "Carl Johnson, the Woodman."

A girl baby was born to Mr and Mrs M U Bassinger yesterday.

The Gun club will shoot Friday afternoon. New year's day there will be a live bird shot.

P. H. T. Tribe No. 23, I. O. R. M. met in their wigwam last night and duly instructed the following candidates into the mysteries of the order: Lewis Brooker, Louis Keppler, Barnard Montague and W. F. Yazel, and they are now full fledged Indians. If you don't believe it ask them about it.

A horse belonging to Dr. W. E. Hover, frightened at a car while hitched at the Pennsylvania station yesterday and ran away. The buggy was badly damaged.

Two prettier windows than those at the F. B. Hover Shoe Co., southwest corner of the square, are seldom seen. Those two popular and obliging salesman, Charles Bressler and Walter Hess, were the artists who vied with each other in making the prettiest display and it is a question which is the best.

Buy your Mandolins, Guitar, Banjos, Violins and other Christmas goods of Porter & Son.

Sleigh and sled runners made to order and all kinds of pumps repaired T E Geiger, 147 south Main.

If you want anything in the line of Jewelry do not fail to see Jo Daller, 1st door north of the Union.

Xmas Candy, Largest and Finest assortment at Bower's Bakery. 9t

A line of Fancy Calendars for the new century.

LOOSE HORSE

Walks in Front of a Street Car--Collision Follows.

Motorman Charles Rose, of car No 28, while coming north on Main street last evening struck a delivery wagon north of the bridge, damaging the front end of the car and slightly injuring the motorman. The horses hitched to a delivery wagon owned by Adam Simon had been left standing by the driver unhitched and just before the car passed walked directly in front of it. One of the horses was injured and the wagon slightly damaged.

THEY CAME IN TOO LATE

To tell our friends about them so we are going to cut them to pieces, 100 Dozen China Cups and Saucers that were bought to sell at 25c, and 100 Dozen China Plates that were bought to sell at 25c, both will be sold at 18c each, these are beauties and every one will buy them on sight. We cannot afford to carry these over another year, hence we make a price that must sell them this week.

3t LIMA TEA CO.

HIS MOTHER DEAD

Conductor Bashore, of the L. E. & W. Receives Sad News.

Conductor George Bashore, of the Lake Erie and Western railroad, while attending Common Pleas court in this city yesterday, received the sad intelligence of the death of his mother at St. Marys. Death came very suddenly and was a great shock to Mr. Bashore, who left with his wife for St. Marys this morning.

Come in and convince yourself that the biggest line of [illegible]

Christmas Shoes, Holiday Slippers.

When you combine beauty and usefulness in a Christmas Gift, its mission is most complete.

The giving of fancy and useful Slippers is [illegible] deed a beautiful custom, and may it never [illegible] out.

MEN'S SLIPPERS.

Unusually attractive offerings in Men's [illegible] leather Slippers, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00 [illegible] $2.50.

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CHRISTMAS AND WHAT IT MEANS.

[N]ineteen centuries have passed since the shepherds at Bethlehem first be[held] the yearly miracle of Christmas. How wonderful that miracle is we realize when we consider through what changes this old world of ours [has] passed since then, how civilizations have risen, flourished and died, how [nati]ons have passed away, how human nature itself has been transformed, [and st]ill how Christmas remains the dearest, happiest, most cherished day of [the] year.

When men first began to keep Christmas as a festival the ancient civiliza[tion] was still alive. The dry light of Greek phylosophy still shone. Roman [law] and Roman order enveloped the world. A few centuries later Western [Eur]ope was in the black darkness of ignorance and superstition. The people [stum]bled blindly, not knowing their own names or where they were going [Th]rough the thick gloom nations could be seen vaguely taking shape Here and there a strong figure—a Charlemagne or an Alfred—rose clearly in the [d]ark, but mostly there were only shadows, like the dim forms in the depths of a Dore picture.

And yet in that chaotic age the Yule log burned and feudal anarchy was [sti]lled once a year, while the priests spoke of peace on earth and good will [to] men.

And then there was an age of faith and of romance, of cruel oppression, [ten]der sympathy and unselfish devotion. Knights rode abroad to rescue [fair] maidens, loot their neighbors' castles or waylay the base merchants [wh]ose caravans wound along the forest roads. Pilgrims in haircloth and Crusaders in shirts of mail swarmed toward the Holy Places. Richard Coeur de Lion swung his mighty battleaxe and Saladin divided silk handkerchiefs with the razor edge of his Damascus scimitar. The New Rome on the Bosporus still stood as the bulwark of Christendom against the Moslen hordes in the East, and the expanding vigor of Spanish youth forced them back in the West. Popes and emperors struggled for the supremacy of she Christian world.

And through it all castle and hovel made festival on the day of Christ's nativity, and all the contradictions of the time were melted into a single harmony.

Centuries later the face of Europe had changed again. A new civiliza[t]ion had come, bringing the Dark Ages to draw upon the pagan culture of the old. Nations had formed, with ordered societies and luxurious courts. Another world had been discovered beyond the sea. The old ideas of the universe had been turned inside out. It had been discovered that this earth was not the centre of created things, but an insignificant speck of dust whirling through space. The human mind expanded and rioted in its new sense of freedom. Men felt as if they were seeing the fulfilment of the prediction of the serpent in Eden: "Your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

But still the old Christmas prevailed, and every year the children gathered about the tree and in their innocent happiness taught wisdom to the worldly wise.

And now "comes the wheel full circle." After nineteen centuries we are back in the sceptical, sophisticated civilization in which Christianity began. Like the Romans of the age of Augustus, we believe nothing but what we see Science is our god. We measure emotions in psychological laboratories, count the blood corpuscles that feed a heroic resolution and compute the number of brain waves in a mother's love. We stretch our yardsticks to the stars, and boldly answer the question whether the universe has limits. Our higher criticism puts the Bible under the microscope, examines it word by word and letter by letter, and pronounces its judgment with the infallible assurance of a handwriting expert in court. We print the Scriptures in colors, showing where this scribe has added a patch to the original tradition and that editor has interpolated a verse in the work of the scribe.

But after all we come back to the ancient festival that commemorates that night at Bethlehem, and our arid hearts grow fresh and young again among its sweet associations.

It is not a miracle that such a festival should have survived through so many ages and so many revolutions? Every nation in Europe or America is young compared with this ancient holiday. The peoples of antiquity died, and most of their customs and traditions died with them, but this they passed on to their successors. The barbarians fought, revelled, massacred and were massacred; Goth and Vandal, Alan, Burgundian and Lombard trampled the arena of history, but somhow this exquisite flower of religion, humanity and poetry was always spared and handed on, ever fresher and more beautiful, from century to century.

Beginning in a corner of the Levant, Christmas has spread over the whole world. It is the one universal holiday of Christian mankind—Christian not merely in the theological sense, but in the sense of a common civilization, regardless of individual beliefs. It has had a curious power of associating itself with extremes of climate. Originating in a land of endless Summer, its earliest symbol was the palm. Then, adopted by northern races, it became identified with snowy roofs, with crackling fires, with reindeer and Santa Claus going down wide-mouthed chimneys. Now it is ceasing to belong to any climate, and is taking possession of all. We can hardly say that "a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard" when Australia, South America and Africa celebrate Christmas in Summer. The snow, the evergreens and Santa Claus with his fur coat and reindeer are still the Christmas features of the North, but the day is not limited by any such local accessions.

Christmas is the forerunner of the federation of the world. Since the confusion of tongues at Babel there has been no such universal solvent. It gives the common touch of humanity that unites all nations. Where a government brings twenty, forty or a hundred million people into mutual relations, the observance of this day brings a thousand million millions.

More people look forward to Christmas now than ever did at any former period of the world's history. Wherever European civilazation goes the celebration of this gracious festival follows in its train. It has already extended over the whole of Europe, North and South America, Australia, the islands of the ocean, the greater part of Asia and much of Africa. Only China, Central Asia and Darkest Africa remain untouched by its influences, and a few years will bring them in. Then Christmas will indeed be a Truce of God, when the whole world will suspend its wrangling and come together in a common festival of good will.

Is it too much to hope that this annual communion of spirit may have some effect on human conduct in the rest of the year? When all the nations of the earth come together on one day as brothers, will they not realize the incongruity of flying at each other's throats the next? Christmas once a year as a universal festival, celebrated on the Arctic ice floes as well as the Brazilian jungles, is a glorious thing, but the spirit of Christmas pervading three hundred and sixty five days would be more glorious. The world has almost attained the one—how long must it wait before it attains the other?

MR. REICHELDERFER AND FINANCES.

During the recent discussion by press and citizens over the park question, the state of the city's finances have often been mentioned. Never, however, has the condition of the funds of the city been shown up to taxpayers of Lima, as they were shown by Councilman Reichelderfer Monday Some of the members of that august body have been rather loth to permit such a public statement to go before the taxpayers of the city. Mr Reichelderfer braved this danger, and as chairman of the finance committee, claims [illegible] by figures the exact condition financially of the City of [illegible] overdrafts are now out in the sum of $43,- [illegible]

[illegible] for funded; not considering the city's proportion of the paving of Wayne, North, Market, Spring, Elm, Harrison, Main, and Water streets. This statement does not include the tax assessment for school purposes, and does not include the property assessments for paving. All of which goes to show that the tax payer of Lima has no just cause to burst his mouth in smiles this coming Christmas.

The fire fund is overdrawn; the general fund is overdrawn; the light fund is overdrawn; the police fund is overdrawn; the side walk fund is overdrawn; the sewer fund is overdrawn; the street fund is overdrawn; the sanitary fund is overdrawn; and each of these funds are overdrawn from between $3,000 and $1,000 over what it was overdrawn one year ago. Thus has Mr Reichelderfer shown up the great financeering ability of our present city dads. Mr Reichelder deserves commendation for making transparent to the taxpayers what has been done by the Council the past year. If statements were made often bond issues would not carry so easily. The city is bankrupt let'er go at that.

A SOUTH AFRICAN CATECHISM.

(William T. Stead in New York Journal.)

We have no right to slaughter the Boers because we cannot persuade them to adopt our way of thinking as to the manner in which they should reform their electoral laws. We have no right to enforce a policy of reform by the practice of murder.

The public mind has been confused to such an extent that I can probably not do better service than to make the story of the Transvaal trouble as plain and as simple as possible. I throw the whole matter into the form of a catechism, and embody the facts in the shape of question and answer, with the special object of bringing into clear relief the reasons why the Boers are distrustful of our good faith in this matter.

Q. What is the characteristic of our dealings with the Boers?

A. Blundering, stupidity, slovenly mismanagement, imbecile inconsistency and continuous bad faith.

Q. Have we ever done the Boers one good turn in our lives.

A. Perhaps once, when we annexed their country to save them from Cetewayo, rescuing them from a danger they did not appreciate at a cost they bitterly resented.

Q. What ill have we done them?

A. We drove them into the wilderness by confiscating their slaves and suppressing their liberties; we made war upon them in Natal in 1840, in the Orange Free State in 1848; we put a price upon the head of their President in 1850; we annexed their country in 1877; made war upon them in 1881; raided them in 1896, and are now at war again in 1899.

Q. What is the chief importance of South Africa to the Empire?

A. South Africa is the keystone of the imperial arch. If Cape Town and Simon's Bay were in the hands of a hostile power communication would be cut between this country and India and Australia, excepting through the Suez Canal. Simon's Bay is indispensible as a coaling station and a place of call on the ocean highway between Great Britian and the Antipodes.

Q. How did the Boers come into the Transvaal?

A. They trekked northward in order to escape from British rule and in order that they might be able to live their own lives in their own way.

Q. When did this exodus take place?

A. In the year of 1835. The Boers, travelling northward, settled in the territory which is now the Orange Free State. Others went into Natal and founded the Government of Natalia. A third section crossed the Vaal River and settled in the territory which is now known as the South African Republic.

Q. When did the first collision take place between the Boers and the British.

A. About 1840. The Boers having established the Republic of Natalia, in what is now the colony of Natal, were cut off from the sea by the occupation of Durban. When they refused to abandon their republic they were attacked by a British force, and in 1844 Naval was annexed to the Cape Colony.

Q. Who are the Outlanders?

A. The Outlanders are simply people from outside the Transvaal who have been attracted to the country in the hope of making fortunes by the discovery of the gold mines.

Q. What were the grievances of the Outlanders?

A. The grievances of the Outlanders were in chief that they were taxed without any representation in the Volksraad; that they were governed by men who had no practical acquaintance with the needs of a modern industrial community, and whose one idea was to govern Johannesburg on principles deduced from the Book of Leviticus.

Q. What was done toward redressing these grievances of the Outlanders?

A. As soon as Mr Rhodes decided on action, in 1894, he sent a trusted agent to England with instructions to inform Mr Chamberlain that the situation had become acute, and to ask permission to take over and control Bechuanaland in order that he might be able to have a jumping off place from which to support the anticipated insurrection in the Transvaal with the armed force with which ultimately the raid was made.

Q. Was this request granted?

A. Not immediately, but after renewed and more urgent representations the "jumping-off place" was made over on some pretext of railway construction, and the control of the police made over to Mr Rhodes, who wanted them to support the insurrection.

In the foregoing catechism the salient facts of the situation are set forth. They bring out, I hope, with clearness and precision that in our dealings with the Boers in the past we have much to be ashamed of, and that we have given them ample cause to regard our professions with suspicion and our assurances with distrust.

The Boers with Mr Kruger at their head, have abandoned themselues to the delusions which lured the Khalifa and the Mahdists to their ruin. Alas! there is no more to be said. It is a sad and sorry business, and blurs with blood once more the story of Brtish South Africa!

WE PRINT THE NAMES.

Every publisher of a newspaper since the days of Benjamin Franklin, has based his hopes of success upon the circulation of his periodical Circulation to a newspaper is much the same as circulation to an individual; neither can do without it. Since the days of Franklin, every publisher has made big claims regarding circulation, whether he had any solid foundation for his claims or not. Knowing the suspicion with which advertisers regard the claims of the newspaper publishers, the NEWS has pursued the plan of "printing the names" of new subscribers added to its lists. These show for themselves, and today we give the names of 52 new ones added since last Saturday, making the grand total of new additions since June first, 1542:

1491 Rowlands,	427 S. Main	1519 Smith S Main
1492 McNamara,	786 N. Main	1520 Bailey 513 S Main
1493 Verbryke,	519 S. Pine	1521 Walter 805 N Main
1494 Gardner	182 S. Jackson	1522 Banks 650 S Main
1495 Bower,	642 ½ S. Main	1523 Jackson 620 " "
1496 Wodsworth,	726 N. Main	1524 Greenland 540 S Main
1497 Yost,	847 N. Main	1525 Schall 615 E High
1498 Long,	113 E McKibben	1526 Pohlabeln 1031 N Main
1499 Killoran,	504 N. Main	1527 Coughlin 682 N West
1500 Bussart,	735 W. High	1528 Rakestraw 714 S Main
1501 Runyan,	913 Madison	1529 Weed 431 " "
1502 Joy,	788 N. Main	1530 Koontz 709 " "
1503 Ware,	930 W. High	1531 Zollinger 430 S Pine
1504 Sullivan.	117 E. Grand	1532 Flinn 721 N Jackson
1505 Dempster,	548 S. Pine	1533 Smith 729 E Market
1506 Mooney,	507 N. Main	1534 Sowers 518 N Union
1507 Hall,	127 E McKibben	1535 Conrad 131 E Edward
1508 Irwin,	444 N. West	1536 McGee Crumrine blk S Main
1509 Tabler,	122 E. Wayne	1537 Sellman 916 S Main
1510 Donahue,	732 N. Main	1538 Lewis 747 " "
1511 Veasey,	478 N. West	1539 McMara 644 N Union
1512 Wagner.	645 N. Jefferson	1540 Lynch 743 " "
1513 Foley,	623 N. Main	1541 Wright [illegible]
1514 Purcell,	739 S. Elizabeth	
[illegible]	706 S. Main	
[illegible]	729 N. Main	

[illegible] At Spencerville, about 25 strings of [illegible] are now at work.

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Do your Christmas shopping now. We are fully prepared to supply all your Holiday wants.

We now have on sale our entire stock at such LOW PRICES that you will never be able to get such prices, even in February, when the season is up.

All Trimmed Hats, Wings, Birds Tips and Trimmings at less than half.

Fur Collarettes, Scarfs, Plush, Cloth and Golf Capes, Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Tailor-Made Suits, Separate Skirts, Petticoats, Wrappers, Dressing Jackets, Wool and Silk Shirt Waists, Heavy Fleeced and Wool Underwear, Hose, Corsets, Kid Gloves, Kid Mittens, Woolen Mittens, Battenberg Center Pieces, Fascinators, Novelties in Belts; all these we will

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We have the most elegant line of HANDKERCHIEFS that can be found in any city, which will make a beautiful Xmas present.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 15c, now for 7c. The finest Handkerchief ever shown for 25c. We have them from 4c up to $5.00.

Our stock is complete—come early and we will convince you that you can save money. We are crowded and must have room. The prices will move them quickly.

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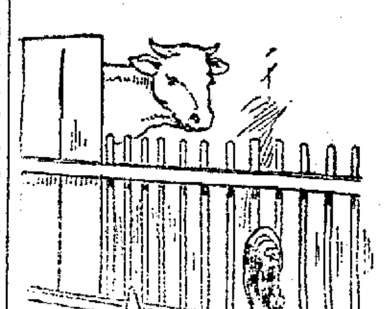

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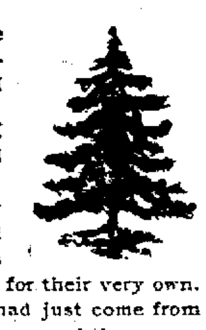
GUARDIAN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES

WHEN I was but a little fellow, to whom the legends of childhood were dear, I resided with my parents in one of the central states where the beautiful pine tree is practically unknown. Each Christmastide brought with it what was, to me, an unfathomable mystery.

"Papa, where does Santa Claus get all his Christmas trees?" I was wont to ask on each Christmas morning as I viewed the little tree covered with prettily colored candles and papers, and laden with the mementos of the holiday season for my baby sister and myself.

"He gets them in the great forests, far to the north, where he lives with his reindeer," always explained my father.

I can still remember how often I wished for a visit to that wonderful land where Christmas trees grew, and how often I asked my father to take me there.



"It is too far away for little boys to go, but maybe when you grow to be a man you will be able to visit Christmas tree land," was always the consoling answer which I received.

Last summer I visited Christmas tree land, and as I traveled through the great forests, first on the Grand Trunk railway and afterward on foot, I thought of the desire of my childhood to see that identical spot. It was away up in northern Canada, north of Georgian Bay, that I found this wonderful land, and there seemed to be Christmas trees enough to give each little girl and boy in all the world one for their very own. There were wee little trees for the very little ones who had just come from Babyland; there were larger ones for the little girls and boys, and there were great large ones for Santa Claus to use when he chooses to have his little folks and big folks get their presents from him together.

But the prettiest thing I saw in this Christmas tree land was a little golden-haired girl, and the prettiest story I ever heard of Christmastide was one she told me as she sat on my knee in front of her log home in the midst of one of those great forests.

Back from Lake Joseph, in the province of Ontario, there stretches mile after mile of forest land on which the great trees rise to more than a hundred feet in height. These great trees the lumbermen cut in the winter time, and then when the warm sunshine of the spring drives the snow of winter away they float the great logs down the swollen creeks and through the lakes to the mills to be sawed into lumber. But scattered all among these great trees there are thousands of little trees that are left for Santa Claus to gather for the little folks, who do not live where the Christmas trees grow, just before the merry Christmas time.

As I drew the little girl to my knee in front of the rude cabin door, and brushed the pretty golden curls from her forehead, I asked her if she liked the great trees among which she lived.

"Oh, yes, I do," she said. "I like to watch my papa cut them and hear the noise when they fall. And then the men come with the big oxen and haul them to the creek down there and they are floated away. But I like the little trees best, I think."

"And why," I asked, "do you like the little trees best?"

"Because they are Santa Claus' trees."

"And does Santa Claus come and get them?" I asked again.

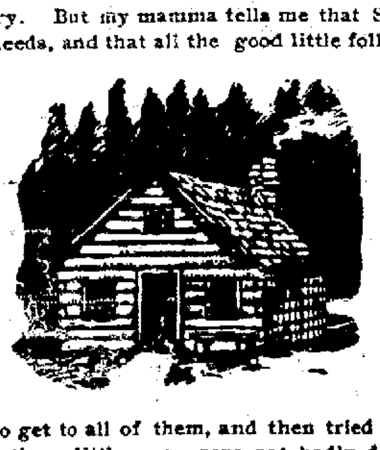
"Yes, every winter, just before Christmas time. My papa never cuts the little trees until just before Christmas time, and then when he does he piles them up very carefully, and the men come with sleds and haul them to the lake where Santa Claus can get them quite easily."

"And what do you suppose Santa Claus does with these little trees?"

"My mamma says he takes them to the little girls and boys who live away off where there are no Christmas trees, and he takes them down their chimneys and puts lots of toys and candy and books and other pretty things on them if they are good little folks, and, oh, I like so much to have Santa Claus get them to take to the little folks who haven't any Christmas trees like I have.

"All the time when my mamma lets me go out of doors I watch my papa cut the big trees and tell him which way he must have them fall so that they won't hurt the little trees, for if one of them was to get broken there might not be enough to go 'round, and then some little girl or boy would not have a Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

"And sometimes other men come to cut the big trees and they are not so careful as my papa is not to hurt the little trees, and some of them get broken, and then I always cry. But my mamma tells me that Santa Claus has more little trees than he needs, and that all the good little folks will have one anyway, but I am so afraid they won't."



"I most believe your mamma is right," I said, "for the good little folks where I came from nearly all have little Christmas trees like these."

"And do you live where the Christmas trees don't grow?" she asked. "And don't all the good little girls and boys have one every Christmas?"

I was sorry for my intimation that some were slighted by the good saint, and explained to her as best I could about the many little folks in the big cities where it is sometimes impossible for Santa Claus to get to all of them, and then tried to ease the pain by saying that many of these little ones were not badly disappointed, because they had never heard of Christmas and Santa Claus.

"Oh, but you will tell them," she cried, with tear drops in her pretty blue eyes. "And I shall ask my papa to tell Santa Claus to be careful and not miss any of them next Christmas."

As she ran away to tell her mamma of the little folks whom Santa Claus sometimes missed I thanked her in the name of all the little girls and boys in the United States for her watchful care of the little Christmas trees that grow around her home in the northern woods. Wasn't that right?

W[illegible] P[illegible]

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

AGAIN the tides that flow from time into eternity have borne to the world the blessed anniversary which marked the dawn of hope for humanity, the day when man saw the ultimate victory over death and the triumph of the immortal over the mortal. Through the darkness the watchers underneath the midnight skies saw the rising of a glorious star, and its light is still shining upon the world to be a beacon amid the storm, to lead generations yet unborn to the humble manger sanctified by infinite love and compassion, and made holy by the birth of a hope that should lift the lowliest man to the divine heights where he could look unafraid upon the face of his God.

"Peace on earth, good-will to men," sang the heavenly hosts, and the war-vexed world thrilled to the anthem, for in it was heard the thanksgiving of the slave, whose chains were to be made light by the love of the Christ, whose stripes were to be soothed by the hand that touched the leper and cleansed him of his foulness, whose shame was made glorious by a brotherhood with the carpenter's Son of Nazareth, who came to preach the Gospel to the poor. "Peace on earth," the Christmas bells to-day ring out the message that was flung to the winds of night by the angel voices on the plains of Bethlehem, and from the uttermost ends of the earth men come to bow down and offer their gifts of frankincense and myrrh, the incense of grateful and loving faith, at the feet of the infant Jesus who was "born King of the Jews," but who reigns Lord of the earth, proclaiming now, as in the hour when He took upon Himself the likeness of man, that good-will that endureth from generation to generation, and that pities the shortcomings and failures of men with a boundless tenderness.

What bring ye, who come to-day to look upon the holy mystery of the Christ-birth, as an offering acceptable to the Saviour of men; what treasure that shall not perish; what incense that shall be of goodly savor? No longer do men don armor of proof, and buckling on their swords bid farewell to home and friends, seeking far-away lands that they may slay the heathen who believe not in Him, and rescue from impious hands the sepulcher in which His mortal part lay a few brief hours. Christ has revealed Himself as the Saviour of those who know Him not, the lover of peace and the hater of wars. "The captains and the kings depart," the stillness of death hushes the shouting of the multitude, the laurel withers upon the brow of the conqueror, the gold rusts in the coffer of the miser. What are honor, renown, riches, as a sacrifice to the King who had nowhere to lay His head, to the conqueror who vanquished death, to the Creator of the world and the fullness thereof?

Oh ye who seek the Christ that ye may bow down and worship Him, remember:

"Still stands the ancient sacrifice;
An humble and a contrite heart."

If Christ be truly born unto your souls, let your lives proclaim the message that the bells ring out this Christmas day. The adoration which strengthens your soul anew for the conflict of life should be like a glorious flower, shedding its perfume on the winds that sweep around the world, a purifying influence and a beauty which even the most careless eye can see. Gather up some wandering ray from the star shining over the manger, and bear it into the dark places of the earth, that it may light some soul in the midnight of despair, and lead it to the source of immortal radiance. Catch some wandering tone of the angelic song, and repeat the strain above the pillow where Pain wards off the tender hand of Sleep, where Regret sounds the dirge over wasted hours, where Sorrow moans in some haunted chamber in which the ghosts of lost days walk wailing for the sweet sin that left such deep and stinging wounds. He who bore the griefs of men yearns over the wandering sheep, and you who have seen His face, who have read the tender message of His love, who have trodden with Him the road from Bethlehem to Calvary, remember on this Christmas day that again He is born unto you and unto the world. You are the messengers who are to bear abroad the peace and good-will that the Heavenly choir proclaimed on that first Christmas night, you are to interpret the meaning of God become Man, you are to vindicate the martyrdom that bought the highest good with incarnate Virtue, for "unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

LOU V. CHAPIN.

The Bachelor.

He admits with a smile that is mocking,
That Christmas no longer consoles;
He hasn't a single stocking
That isn't full of holes.
—Judge.

Mrs A F Wheeler will sing "Little Boy Blue" at the Kindergarten entertainment Friday night, Luthern church. 2t

Orders for pictures brought to Prof. Stanley by Saturday Dec. 23rd will be done for New Years. 1w

Order your Christmas Turkeys at Crossley's. 9t

Ask Jo Daller to show you some of the goods he has on sale. They're in the safe.

PALMS, FERNS, ETC.

Fine assortment and cheap.
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Mrs J K Brice will read "The Bears" from Josey and "The Chipmunk" at the Kindergarten entertainment Friday night. 2t

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Prof Stanley—Portrait artist, employs no agents. Pictures must be brought to studio. 1m

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That visit this store daily clearly emphasizes the fact that it is the Christmas Bazaar of Lima—Never before have we offered so much and such good merchandise suitable for gifts so reasonably priced.

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Many hearts will be delighted Christmas morning with some of our Furs—Furs of the most dependable character. Choice Collarettes, Handsome Scarfs—See also our Children's Furs.

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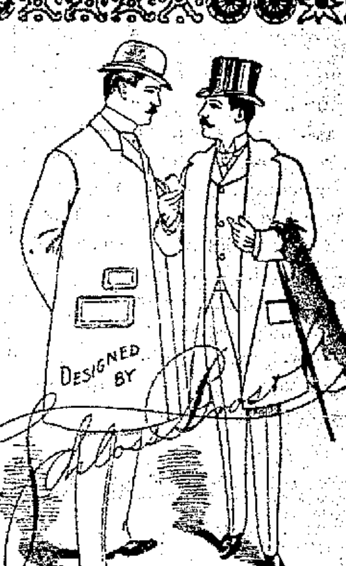

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...ERIOUS

...Against a

... South Lima Young Man.

...a Fourteen Year Old Girl Last Evening.

...Not Guilty And Will Have a Hearing Tomorrow Morning.

John Sullivan, a bartender at the saloon of his cousin "Whitie" Sullivan, on south Main street, was arrested last night on the charge of having criminally assaulted a fourteen year old girl named Williams.

Sullivan was arraigned this morning, pleaded not guilty and his hearing was set for tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, and the usual big crowd will be present to listen to the testimony. Attorney Williamson will represent the defendant.

The girl has been making her home with her uncle, Wm Carpenter, residing on north Main street a few doors south of the P Ft W & C railroad. She was sent on an errand yesterday afternoon and meeting Sullivan the two walked out Spring street to Clifton, and under the cover of darkness the girl was assaulted in a field. The young man returned to the city with the girl, she going to her home. Upon being questioned by here aunt she told what had taken place. Dr. Rudy was called and after an examination was satisfied that the fourteen-year-old girl had spoken the truth.

The police were then notified and Policeman Armstrong placed Sullivan under arrest. He admitted having assaulted the girl, and was somewhat surprised when he learned that she was under the age of consent and that he had committed an offense, the penalty of which is 20 years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The young woman is still in short dresses and does not seem to be much worried over what has taken place.

Sullivan is 22 years of age and heretofore has always bore a good reputation.

A HANDSOME CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Globe of Gold Fish. See them at the Aquarium Cigar store

See those Cups, Saucers and Plates in the Lima Tea Co's front window.

You can't make a more appropriate Christmas present than one of Porter & Son's Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos or Violins.

Jo Daller has on commission a safe full of goods and will sell it cheap rather than send it back.

Money to loan at 5 per cent. T K Wilkins, Opera House Block.

A HANDSOME CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Globe of Gold Fish. See them at the Aquarium Cigar store.

Boxes for Christmas Trees. Bonbons for parties, largest assortment at Bower's Bakery.

A box of Clear Havana Cigars for $1 at the Aquarium Cigar store.

BOOKS, BOOKS!

Call at the NEWS of-... get your ...

...red & Sumemas ... few days ago good for five ba... At Spencerville, about 25 strings of ... are now at work.

NOT THE ONES.

Two Men Arrested For the Richie Robbery.

When asked if there was anything new relative to the several robberies committed a few nights ago Chief Phalen said this morning that two arrests had been made but the suspects proved their innocence beyond a doubt.

The owner of the blood hounds returned to his home this morning. He was not satisfied with the work of the dogs and will come back later to give them another trial.

KINDERGARTEN XMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Kindergarten children will present a forty five page cantata at the Spring street Lutheran church Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. They will be assisted by Miss Josephine Townsend and Fores Ireland as Orphans, and Gail Wheeler as Sprite. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Everybody welcome. w&t

Money to loan at 5 per cent. T K Wilkins, opera house block. e o d 1mo

Arrangements are now complete for the construction of the new masonic temple which will be located at the corner of High and Elizabeth street will be five stories high and will be of buff brick. The dimensions will be 102x60 feet, and the cost will be not far from $50,000.

Christmas candies can be found at the Puritan Dairy company. 3t

Delphos Herald:—Miss Leon Harter is visiting in Lima.—G G Frankenberg went to Lima this morning.—Chas. Judkins went to Lima this afternoon, on business.—Jno. F Lindeman, Wm. C Bardes, John H Kemp and H B Schwartzengraber went to Lima.

Buy your candies at Stolzenbach's and get the Best. 3t

The Alliance dancing club will hold their next dance on Washington's birthday, February 22 in Wheeler hall.

Get Dimond Bros prices on Candy before buying.

On account of a misunderstanding existing between a Mr Butterworth, of Cincinnati, and Manager Everton, of the Hub shoe store, over a loan of $1700 held by Buttterworth, the store was closed yesterday.

Holly Wreaths 10c at Watson's.

THREATENED

To Shoot Ben Watson—George Seibert Before the Mayor.

George Seibert was fined $14.60 this morning for disorderly conduct.

Seibert had some trouble with Ben Watson yesterday. He went to a hardware store, purchased a gun and threatened to shoot Watson, but was arrested before carrying out his threat.

Those Cups and Saucers that just arrived at the Lima Tea Co are honeys. 3t

You can't make a more appropriate Christmas present than one of Porter & Son's Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos or Violins.

When you get Watson's mixed Nuts you know they are new.

Your Christmas won't be complete without some of Bower's Delicious Pop Corn goods. Go see his display of Pop Corn and Candy.

DEATH OF MRS. PAGE.

Mrs. Page, wife of Wm. Page, formerly superintendent for the Ohio Oil Company in this city, died at her home at Montpelier, Indiana, yesterday.

Fancy Christmas Candies at Dimond's.

CUT FLOWERS,

Carnations, Roses, etc., any amount of them, first class, fine. Leave or... Co.

Bon...

CANTON'S MAYOR.

Goes To Tennessee and Purchases Bloodhounds.

Crime in That City Has Been as Rampant as it Has in Lima and Must Cease.

The recent agitation regarding bloodhounds in this city, and the trial of the Oakwood dogs, resulting so dismally in failure, marked timely the following dispatch from Canton, regarding the purchase of hounds for that city by the Mayor:

Mayor James H Robertson returned from Chattanooga today, having been in that Southern city to purchase two bloodhounds for the police department of Canton. This afternoon the two animals arrived. They cost the city $200, and were bought from a deputy sheriff at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Mayor was delegated to purchase the dogs. He spent several days in Chattanooga, and in making the test of the two dogs bought tramped across the country a mile, climbed a tree and waited until the dogs traced him to his place of refuge. The owner of the dogs had to call off the bloodhounds before Canton's Mayor could come down from his perch.

By virtue of a peculiar law, the Mayor of Canton is also Chief of Police. An effort is on now to have this changed, as it is argued that the present police system is defective.

Get 10c Holly Wreath at Watson's.

Switchman McNeal and mother leave next month for Alabama.

For Pipes and Smokers' Sets go to the Aquarium Cigar store.

THE EVERETT

The Official Piano for the National Eisteddfod

The Everett piano has been selected as the official piano for the great National Eisteddfod to be held in Cincinnati New Years day. That the Everett stands at the head is nothing new and here is another endorsement of it from one of the greatest musical authorities of America.

The piano whose delightful tones were so much enjoyed at the concert given by the Oberlin Glee club Monday night was the celebrated Everett. It was also used at Tuesday nights entertainment. You will always find the Everett around when anything good is going on.

Order part of your Christmas dinner from the Puritan Dairy Co. 3t

Go to Cardosi for all kinds of fruits, candies and cigars. Cheapest place in Lima. 3t

Watson's mixed Nuts are all new.

THE WAGNER WILL

Not Be Probated and Application Was Withdrawn.

The hearing in the application to robpate the lately discovered will of H P Wagner, the rich Delphos gentleman, who was well known here, will not be necessary. Executor Washburn, of Toledo, yesterday withdrew the application.

The children will receive about the same settlements as were the will to have been probated, and litigation costs are thus saved. The discovery of the will a few months ago created much comment, and the hearing was set for yesterday.

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Dairy Co... Clear Havana

CHRISTMAS

Will soon be here, make the hearts of your loved ones glad by selecting at THE GLOBE, where you can always find the greatest bargains in Lima on first-class dependable merchandise. "Once a customer always a customer" here.

Buy from Following List:

Men's Suits. Our clothing made by America's best tailors, as good as made to measure, for less than half. See our Suits at $5 00. 6 50, 7 50, 9.00, 10.00, 12.00 and 15.00.	**Boys' Suits.** Of inexhaustable variety, with long pants or knee pants, vestee coats and pants, etc., etc., 98c, $1.48, 2.50, 3 50, 4 50 and 5 00 up.	**MEN'S FANCY VESTS.** Double breasted, in all the latest designs from $2.98 up.
Trousers In all the latest fabrics and styles, $1.50, 1.98, 2 50, 3.00, **$3.50 and Upwards.**	**Umbrellas** In silk and gloria silk, fine novelty handles, from $1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and **$2.50 up.**	**Mufflers and Handkerchiefs.** Silk Mufflers, oxford and other style, quilted, 25c, 48c, 73c and 98c. Silk or linen Handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50.
Silk Neckwear. All latest fads from best makers in New York. 19c, 25c, 50c, etc.	**Dress Gloves.** Lined and unlined Kid, Mocha, etc. Adler's best makes, from 50c, 75c, and $1.00 to $1.50.	**Hats.** Alpine or Derby styles in Young's "Keystone" or Globes' Block; Dunlap styles at $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00.
Ladies' and Men's Slippers In greatest assortment.	**Ladies', Men's and Children's Rubbers,** Latest styles.	**Ladies', Men's and Children's Dress Shoes.**
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THE COLUMBIA,

Leading Shoe House, Lima.

JUST ARRIVED.

Something Entirely New In the Everett Piano Line

An elegant small sized piano in mahogany case, has just arrived at Porter & Son's music store on south Main street. It is something new and this particular make has been under construction for the past two years. Call and see it.

C W Hess was today commissioned to take testimony in the will of Roberta Boone, deceased.

... headquarters

FUNERAL

Of Amos Brown will Take Place Saturday Morning.

The funeral of the late Amos Brown will be held from the St Rose church Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. The burial will be at Gethsemani.

Watson's Holly Wreaths at 10c are a wonder.

Stolzenbach & Co candies are al... 3t

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Rural Postal Service Has Proved an Unqualified Success.

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[Special Washington Letter.]

FIRST Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath was for about 15 years the Washington correspondent of some of the best daily newspapers in this country. He was a successful newsgatherer, a hard worker, and always a genial gentleman. Every newspaper man in the national capital was his friend, and today they cannot write of his work in public office without using words of commendation because of their high esteem. However, his work in high office well warrants a fair degree of praise, for it has been painstaking and faithful if not brilliant.

The office of the first assistant postmaster general is wholly devoted to business affairs, and is practically relieved of all political complications. This condition was brought about by Postmaster General Wanamaker, with the cooperation of the congress, in 1890. Postmaster General Wanamaker is a business man, and while he occupied a position in the cabinet he endeavored, with some degree of success, to apply business methods of administration to the post office department.

For many years before the beginning of the Harrison administration there had always been three assistant postmasters general, and the first assistant postmaster general had charge of the appointments of all fourth class pastmasters, the number being upwards of 50,000. This number has now increased to upwards of 65,000. Excessive partisan use of the office was first made in 1885 and 1886 by First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson, who removed all republican fourth class postmasters as rapidly as possible, sometimes reaching the number of 200 per day. He was followed by First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson, who outdid the record of Stevenson, for he sometimes removed as many as 250 democratic postmasters in a single day. To make a clean partisan record these democratic and republican first assistant postmasters general were obliged

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to work thus diligently, in order to make changes in all of the fourth class postmasterships during their terms of four years each; and they worked their clerical force sometimes by night as well as by day so as to accomplish the object.

Postmaster General Wanamaker induced the congress to authorize an additional assistant, designated as fourth assistant postmaster general, and he was charged with the duty of appointing all fourth class postmasters. By this arrangement the first assistant postmaster general's office was relieved of the political drudgery, and was placed upon a business basis. During the second Cleveland administration, however, the rule was adopted that fourth class postmasters shall each serve four years, and the official ax ceased to be wielded without cause and solely for partisan purposes. This marked a commendable era in genuine civil service reform.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, finding his office upon a business basis, began his work with the purpose of extending existing postal facilities upon lines already laid down; and by bringing to the postal service some new and practical ideas of his own.

In supervising the work of this important office he is obliged to direct the salaries and allowances of postmasters, their assistants and clerks, and all expenditures for rent, fuel, lights and incidentals. This alone, covering almost 70,000 post offices, including the presidential offices, is sufficient to demand a great deal of time and consideration. But he has also to supervise the free delivery division, covering all letter carriers and their work; the purchase of supplies for all post offices, including stationery, blanks, books, wrapping paper, twine, letter balances and everything the post offices are entitled to receive; also the money-order division, which alone is a great and far-ramifying machine; and, lastly, the dead letter office, with its army of clerks. This brief statement of the responsibilities devolving upon the first assistant postmaster general will readily assure the reader that the man who is selected for the duties thus defined must be possessed of business abilities of a high order; and he must possess, in more than ordinary measure, the genius of labor.

Mr. Heath has not only managed to fulfill the functions of his great office in every particular, but he has also taken up a special work which is of interest to all of our people, and that is the subject of rural free delivery. To this he has paid particular attention, and he is now endeavoring to interest the senators and representatives in the dissemination of mail matter to the people of the farms and villages, so that they may receive facilities similar to those extended to the dwellers in cities who have their mail brought to their homes and business places by letter carriers.

When he came into office Mr. Heath found that the rural free delivery had been partially established, but that preceding postmasters general had considered it impracticable, and that they had experimented with it without heart in the matter. Only $50,000 had been appropriated for experimental purposes for an entire fiscal year—a sum wholly inadequate to the task imposed.

Looking carefully into the matter and receiving petitions from rural citizens

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and grange organizations throughout the country, Mr. Heath concluded that the system should be extended, and he secured an appropriation of $150,000 for the first year of his term and another appropriation of $300,000 for the present fiscal year. With this amount at his disposal he extended the work, so that he now says: "It is no longer in an experimental stage, but has reached a practical standpoint. With the cooperation of congress this rural free delivery service should be extended to the entire rural population."

The annual report of the first assistant postmaster general shows that rural free delivery has been established in all of the states of the republic, excepting Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Mississippi; and those exceptions have been made because of the conditions of the roads and the sparsely settled condition of so many thousands of acres of the public domain. There are 383 distributing stations for the rural free delivery service, and a population of 180,000 receives the benefit of these facilities.

People in cities who reside next door to the post offices have their mail carried to them. They do not have to walk a step to get their mail, but one of Uncle Sam's uniformed letter carriers brings their mail to them. Farmers have been obliged to walk or drive a mile, or five miles, or ten miles, to town to ascertain if there is or is not a letter in the post office awaiting their call. Mr. Heath has established mail boxes along the routes of good roads, where farmers may deposit their letters, and the rural free delivery carriers come there and take up the mail to be forwarded, and at convenient points they also deliver mail to the farmers. It is much easier to send one of the boys or girls down to the cross roads for the mail, to meet the free delivery wagon, than it is to hitch up and drive to town, thereby losing much time from necessary farm work, taking both horse and man from their regular farm duties.

The rural free delivery routes decrease the incomes of fourth-class postmasters, and star routes are dispensed with; so that this service has been established in spite of the hostility of many postmasters and of all star route contractors. All of these people have more or less influence with senators and representatives in congress, but the first assistant postmaster general says that the plain people have more influence, and they are sustaining him in the great work. He says: "I believe it is possible to extend rural free delivery to millions of citizens without additional expense to the post office department, and consequently without increased appropriations by congress."

This practical and determined official has gone much farther than he originally anticipated. But, seeing the success of rural free delivery, he has caused to be made a traveling post office, a complete outfit on wheels. This experiment has been made in Carroll county, Md., where a wagon eight feet long travels over good roads, delivering and receiving mail, canceling, delivering, giving receipts for registered letters and for money order applications and performing all of the functions of a stationary post office. The wagon is drawn by a pair of strong horses on a route 30 miles long, and with a postal clerk acting as postmaster. This experiment has been entirely successful, going over the route in all kinds of weather, and it only costs the government $1,375 per annum, including the salary of the traveling postmaster. It performs the service formerly rendered by eight fourth-class postmasters and four star route carriers which cost the government $1,600 per annum, giving the people better service and saving money for the government. SMITH D. FRY.

Two Alike.

She—It must be great to have a talent like Prof. Swamper's. They say he can fill a house to overflowing at any time.

He—Um. So can a plumber.—Brooklyn Life.

His Sad Condition.

"My shoes are always a source of pain."

"Why is that?"

"New shoes hurt my feet and old shoes hurt my self-respect."—Chicago Record.

ONE WOMAN'S WAY.

A Livelihood Gained from the Feminine Sense of Jumping at a Good Thing.

"I met a woman not long ago on the road," remarked a New York drummer, "who gave me a point or two on how a bright woman can make her way in the world. She was a widow, with two children to support, and was housekeeper of an Indianapolis hotel until her health failed. She had to give it up at last, though she tried to hold on, for that was all she knew how to do, and she retired with only $100 or so to go on. Not knowing exactly whither to turn, she went to New York city and just wandered around for awhile, looking at things. One day she saw the women crowding the life out of one another at a bargain sale of skirts, and a thought struck her. She let it develop for a day or two, and then spent all the money she had for silk skirts that were destined for the bargain counter. They were rumpled and looked jaded and tired, but she took them as they were at small figures and carried them to her rooms. There she ironed and pressed them out till they looked like new, and then went out into the suburban towns to sell them. She found ready purchasers at good prices, and came back for more. These she made as good as new and had no trouble in disposing of her stock.

She added shirt waists next and then began getting shop-worn silks, remnants and that kind of stock, and gradually increased her territory, hiring somebody to do the renovating while she was attending to the buying and selling. She has been at it three or four years, and in that time has built up a trade that is paying her this year between $500 and $600 a month. She has her children at good schools; has a nice little home in one of the suburban towns, which she owns, and is about the thriftiest and most businesslike woman I ever saw. No training either to begin with, just the woman's sense of jumping at a good thing and getting it."

CHIEF INDUSTRY IGNORED.

Philadelphia's Public Library, It Is Said, Contains No Book on Shipbuilding.

A student of the history of American iron and steel shipbuilding recently visited the public library at Philadelphia, Philadelphia and Chester, which, so far as ship building is concerned, are practically one, are the birthplace of iron and steel ship building on the Atlantic coast, and it might be expected that first-class historical material concerning the industry would be found in abundance in the public library of Philadelphia. When the card catalogue was examined, says the Boston Transcript, it was discovered that the only books under the heading of ships or relating to ship building were Miss Barraden's "Ships That Pass in the Night," and a little volume on "Seaboard Life," written for boys, by W. H. Rideing. An appeal was made to the librarian in charge of the reference room, which resulted in the ascertainment of a few initial and elementary facts from the standard history of Philadelphia. Of first-hand material there was absolutely none. Beyond what was contained in the history of Philadelphia the library afforded no information concerning one of the oldest and most interesting and now one of the largest industries of the city.

Architectural Jokes.

The builders of the old churches in England were not so serious but that they now and then perpetrated a joke, even in stone. On more than one of their creations they carved in relief a scene representing a monk preaching solemnly to a flock of geese. The same humorous spirit is sometimes to be detected in the domestic architecture of early times. Mr. Hissey gives an instance: Just upon the boundaries of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire formerly stood a rambling old farmhouse. The living room was long and low, and on the center beam that went across the ceiling was inscribed this legend: "If you are cold, go to Hertfordshire." This seemingly inhospitable invitation was explained by the fact that one-half of the room was in one county and one-half in the other. The fireplace was in Hertfordshire.—Youth's Companion.

Novelties of the Road.

In a jaunting trip through the eastern counties of England Mr. Hissey noted some of the curious signs which show how modern life differs from life in the past. What, I wonder, would our ancestors make of the following notice appended to the sign of an old inn on the way, which we deemed worthy of being copied? "Good accommodation and stabling for cyclists and motorists." The following notice, affixed to the porch of a country church, plainly tells a story of changed times and of changed ways: "Cyclists welcomed in cycling dress." On the road from Crowland to Spalding, by the wayside, we saw a large notice board bearing this legend: "One thousand miles in 1,000 hours, by Henry Girdlestone, at the age of 56, in the year 1844."—Youth's Companion.

Paid in Advance.

A nervous drummer who carries with him wherever he travels a coil of rope was asked by the landlord of a small hotel up in Shasta county, Cal., what the rope was for. "That's a fire escape," explained the drummer, "and I always have it with me so in case of fire I can let myself down from the window." "Seems like a pretty good idea," said the landlord, "but guests with fire escapes pay in advance at this hotel."

Value of Bald Heads.

It is a remarkable fact that few bald men ever die of consumption.

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Big line of Ladies' Mackintoshes, cassimere and double cape, worth 6.00 and 8.00, go at 3.50.

Big line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's wool Mitts and Gloves, go at one half price.

Men's Handkerchiefs.

Fine quality, hemstitched, colored borders, only 5c.

The same in Japanese colored border, 5c.

Fine hemstitched, silk initial only 7c.

Fancy colored, silk initial, only 10c.

Big line of muffs from 25c to 1.00.

Fine Neck Ties, Dress Goods, Suspenders, Dress Shirts, all go at very low price.

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Ribbed Vests, worth 25c now 15c.

Heavy grade fleece lined Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, worth 40, go at 22 cents.

Same in fancy heavy grade, worth 60c, go at 35c.

Heavy grade Union Suits, worth 65c go at 35c.

Fine Quality Union Suits, worth 75c go at 45c.

A lot all wool Ladies' Underwear odds and ends, go at low prices.

Large line Children's heavy ribbed Vests, worth 10c and 20c, go at 5c.

Fleece lined ribbed Union Suits, size 6 to 14, worth 35c, go at 22c.

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Ladies and Children's and extra for Boys', from 5c to 15c, worth double the money.

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Santa Claus is here. If you don't believe it, take a look in our window. He is loaded down with Christmas toys not to sell, but to give away Every dollar purchase at our store entitles you to one chance on these fine presents and each ticket draws a prize worth from 5c up to 5.00.

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Ladies handkerchiefs, wide hemstitched only 3c.

Ladies handkerchiefs, silk flower, worth 10c, now 4c.

Ladies handkerchiefs, fine embroidered linen, 5c.

Ladies embroidered handkerchiefs, fine quality, hem stitched 5c.

Ladies embroidered handkerchiefs, fine quality, embroidery hemstitched, 10c.

Big line of toy furniture, from 15 to 35 cents per set.

Something nice for a litlle money and makes a nice present.

Ladies Silk Garters worth from 2 to 50c now 15 to 20.

Ladies Pocket Books worth 10 to 75c now 5 and 25c.

A nice bracelet from 15 to 50c.

A big line of jewelry at low prices.

Necklaces, watch chains, rings, breast pins, cuff buttons, etc.

A nice line of umbrellas.

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The Theatrical Field

Spectacular Features and Charming Gowns in "More Than Queen--Some Music Notes.

EUROPE'S song birds are with us—that is, most of them—as well as Sir Henry Irving, Miss Ellen Terry, Joseffy and De Pachmann; and the chasm behind yawns still wider, now that Paderewski has left the shores of the old world for the new. Ignace J. Paderewski, accompanied by his wife and his secretary, has arrived in New York. It is three years and over since he of hirsute and of flexible fingers fame was in our midst, and all extend a warm welcome to the returned favorite. He is to be with us four months, during which time he will irradiate his effulgence the breadth of the land, from Boston to the City of Mexico.

Though he still has his locks, Paderewski has not the willowy, aesthetic appearance he possessed six and thirty months ago. Let us whisper the sad news—our idol is—yes, fat. To many the word will come with the effect of a calamity, but we think it better to have the ladies prepared; have them ready to withstand the shock of the change in the appearance of their idol. But really all this seems irreverent, flippant, in this practical age to speak lightly of a man who, with no property save a piano, receives $7,000 for a single night's performance. So let us endeavor to treat the gentleman more seriously.

On board the Oceanic on the way over Paderewski gave one of his characteristic programmes for the benefit of the seamen's charities. It is reported the audience was a most appreciative one, and that Jack Tar's exchequer is much more valuable than it was before the performance. Paderewski opened his American season in New York city December 12.

At the Broadway theater in New York the spectacular "Ben Hur" has succeeded the spectacular "More Than Queen," which Miss Julia Arthur produces in America this season. The play, written by Emile Bergerat, who called it "Plus que Rein," was first produced by Jane Hading and Coquelin, and proved a great success in Paris. It is on the boards this season in London, Vienna, Madrid and Stockholm, but the setting for the English and American productions is especially rich.

"More Than Queen" is a romance of the time of Josephine and Napoleon, and admits of most sumptuous staging. The heroine is Josephine; on account of her sway over her husband during part of his career she is pictured as "more than queen." The character of the royal lady, it goes without saying, is much idealized. The play opens with an imaginary first meeting of Josephine and the youthful general and ends with the divorce. The play, which consists of a prologue and five acts, covers a period of 14 years. Some of the scenes are domestic; some deal with public affairs and pageants. The coronation of the empress is a most magnificent scene, but money has been lavishly expended on the scenery and costumes throughout the play. The scenery represents the garden of the Palais Royal, the house of the first consul, the Malmaison garden, the Tuilleries, the coronation in Notre Dame, Saint Cloud and Fontainebleau.

But the costumes! Diamonds, velvets, furs, brocades, cloth-of-gold, other jewels and priceless fabrics are called into play to adorn the form of Miss Arthur in the role of Josephine. "Sumptuous spectacle" is the phrase to quote in attempting a description of the play, of which Josephine's robes form so important a feature. The costumes of the personages in the coronation scene was copied from the famous picture painted at the time by Louis David. Josephine's gown is a mass of gold embroidery upon white satin. The cloak of crimson velvet, ermine lined, is embroidered in jewels, in which embroidery the letter "N" stands out prominently. In the last act, the queen wears another wonderful robe of white satin and gold ornamentation, the mantle of lemon-colored velvet, a-glitter with topaz stones and gold-wrought bees. The crowns worn are dazzling in the extreme, and as the gorgeous creature passes before us we admit, by her appearance, her right to one interpretation of the title.

We are told it is detrimental to success to liken aspirants to fame to those who stand on the pinnacles, but the comparing goes on nevertheless. This year it is Mrs. Leslie Carter who is the victim. First, Clement Scott, the veteran dramatic critic, comes and tells us while we have Mrs. Carter a greater than Duse is with us; then, the New York critics announce, in a unanimous voice, another Bernhardt has appeared in Mrs. Leslie Carter. It must be very trying to endeavor to live up to this valuation, and Mrs. Carter's health did almost break down under the strain. We are told, however, it is the demands of the play that are exhausting, which we do not find hard to believe; to try to make something of Zaza besides a shocking character no one will concede an easy task. If we had not been told we never should have known that "Zaza is a study of character and motives, a psychological analysis of character, which only an artist of fine intelligence would dare undertake." We had not thought of the play as soulful.

The press has been keeping us alive to the fact that Marion Crawford was writing a novel for Miss Viola Allen to play some day, and now we are informed the story is finished. The scene of the play is laid in old Spain. Lorrimer Stoddard, who dramatized "Teks of the D'Urbervilles" for Mrs. Fiske and "Napoleon Bonaparte" for Richard Mansfield, is to put Mr. Crawford's tale into shape for Miss Allen. The story will first be brought out serially.

Another so-called religious novel, Quo Vadis. "Ben Hur" in New York and "Quo Vadis" in Chicago no doubt are good bait for the people that are wont to look askance at the stage. We have not read "Quo Vadis" ourself, and perhaps it is just as well; for we are told we should go to a play with a "blank mind," whereon the playwright may inscribe what he please. Report says a splendid production has been made of the drama, that nothing is wanting to make it one of the spectacular successes of the day.

A New York critic gives good advice to theater goers concerning the dramatized novel; tells them never to read the book before they see the play. He gives his own melancholy experience as a warning; relates how he desired to be conscientious in his work, and so, preparatory to seeing a stage production of "Ben Hur," he most carefully read the book. When he went to the theater did he see his idea of Ben Hur? No, just an old, familiar figure dressed up in eastern clothes. He reread "Vanity Fair," that he might the more intelligently judge "Becky Sharp;" and lo, his labor not only proved fruitless, but positively harmful, for it kept him from the appreciation of the drama. He reread "The Gadfly," and found neither stage hero nor story akin to those in the book. With "The Christian" and "The Children of the Ghetto," the disappointment was still greater; in these plays, for the sake of the ticket seller's coin, the good work in the books was ruthlessly sacrificed. The critic leaves us this moral: "A play should stand by itself; let sleeping books lie."

THE ASTROLOGER

JULIA ARTHUR, IN "MORE THAN QUEEN."

THE HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS. . . . .

To-night....."A Battle Scarred Hero."
Monday.....""Fast" Matinee.
Monday Night.....""Faust."
Tuesday.....""A Young Wife."

This is about the season of the year when people of a statistical mind and with good reminiscent power acquired thereby, begin to figure on what has been the popular song of the season. Of course you know that there are some earnest students of the drama (latter-day drama,) who can tell you what song held the people enthralled during such and such periods of time, just as there are folks who can talk glibly of "big freeze of '59." Being in some respects a man with his hand on the public pulse, I think I can make a good guess on the song for this season. If I can't pick the winner, I can at least get a place. The honor lies between "The Palms" and "I'll Leave My Happy Home for You." I know that the combination may strike you as odd, but the fact is, the two have been coming hand in hand this year. When "The Palms" was first heard in high grade musical entertainments half a dozen years ago, it was listened to with marked approval by people who had all sorts of culture, and it would have been hard to guess that in 1899 it would be part of the stock in trade of every popular-priced aggregation that laid claims to being "the hottest thing in town." But that is the surprising truth. We have heard it from black-faced comedians; from people who are not colored but were born that way, and from serio-comics with shows that have hitherto escaped various city Boards of Health in a manner that is little short of miraculous.

But dropping from the song feature of the stage to the present reality, Manager Hyde has prepared a neat bill of fare for patrons of the Faurot during holiday week. This evening we will have presented at the local amusement house, "A Battle Scarred Hero."

For some years Bert Coote has been recognized as a comedian of more than ordinary talent, a laugh producer who won his way to public approbation not so much by what he did as the way he did it. For some years Mr Coote has been starring in an English comedy, "The New Boy," in which he won fame and fortune, so much of the latter in fact that although he has long desired to become associated with some other character than the "New Boy," his admirers have compelled him to stick to his new play, which like Tennyson's immortal brook, seemed destined to roll on forever. However, Mr Coote has finally grown tired of posing as a one part actor, and has this season secured a new and original farce, in which he will be seen at the Opera House on Thursday night. The new play is entitled "A Battle Scarred Hero."

No other attraction is booked for the Faurot for this week, but, on Christmas day, with matinee and evening performance Faust will be given by Porter J White.

No play ever in our city has met with such universal approval as this grand masterpiece of Goethe, the German Shakespeare, and no portrayal of that wierd Satanic Mephisto so indelibly stamped upon the minds of the large audience who witnessed the part taken by Mr Porter J White, and his return to the city show double its former size, of unsurpassing magnificence, with the grandest electrical and mechanical effects ever shown with a "Faust" production in this city. This the local management personally guarantees. This is the only Faust Company that absolutely carries a full choir for the cathedral scene, the same being specially engaged by Mr White from the Church of the Transfiguration, St Louis, Mo The Detroit Free Press of recent date says that the beautiful rendition of the Drinking Chorus in the grand opera, "Faust," by Mr White's magnificent quartette, was the most impressive of anything ever heard of that nature in Detroit, and was alone well worth the price of admission. Prices for matinee 25 and 50. Night 25, 50 and 75.

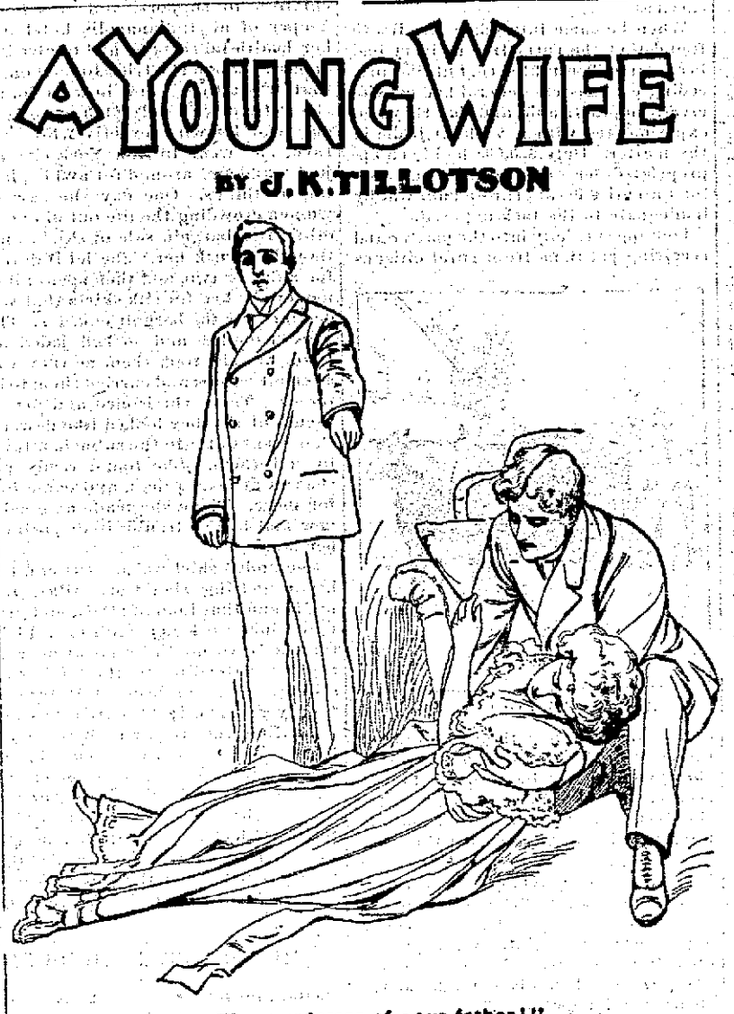
On the following evening, Tuesday, December 26th, Manager Hyde has arranged for the appearance of "A Young Wife," which the press all over the country has been lavish in praise. This attraction after a run of fifty two nights at the 14th St. Theatre, New York, is now touring the country. This play made a decided hit in the metropolis and its production will be looked forward to with a great deal of interest, especially as the original New York cast and the entire attraction is given here complete, something that is rarely encountered with most traveling companies. Prominent among the cast are Messrs. Williams, Sheriden, John E. Woodson, Neil Florence, Claude Gillingwat, James J. DeBarre, Misses Selma Herman, Sydney Cowell, Margaret Dale Owen and several others. The performance in Lima will be given on Tuesday eve. The Rochester Times of this week says:

"It is magnificent." Those three words express the opinion of the entire audience regarding "A Young Wife," which is at the Baker for the latter part of the week. The scenic effects are wonderful, the cast is excellent and the play is really great and deserves a niche all by itself in American drama; it will live long and prosper because it has merit. A better production has not been seen in any local theater this season.

There is not an unnatural scene in the play, no far-fetched climaxes, no heroics; it is a plain simply story well staged, well told and superbly acted. Selina Herman, as leading lady, is an actress who fully appreciates her work, acts it as it should be and never overdoes nor shirks into indifference. Emmett C King does full justice to his part. Malcolm Williams, the husband of the young wife, is a clever actor, has a fine appearance, a good voice and lends inspiration to his work.

The stage setting in the first and second acts are marvels in that art.

As Isabelle Dare, the pretty young widow in Bert Coote's new farce, "A Battle Scarred Hero," Miss Julia Kingley is said to be fitted with the best part she ever had in her life. She will be seen in this play at the Faurot tonight.



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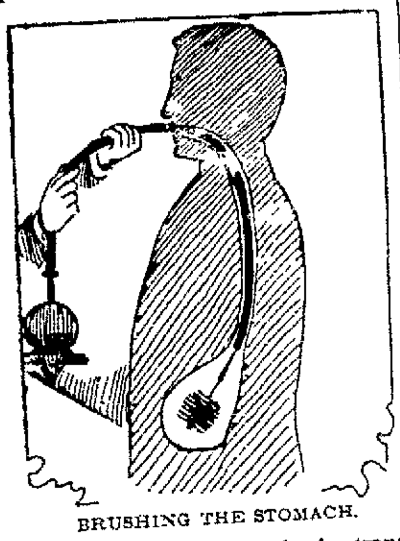
[Special Chicago Letter.]

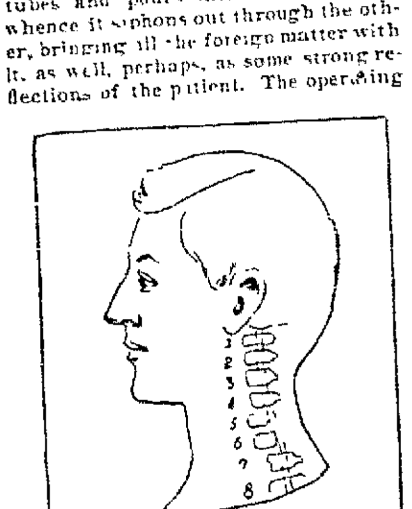
WHILE our forefathers were without doubt, compared with ourselves, very much restricted as to diet, they certainly enjoyed a greater immunity from diseases affecting the digestive apparatus. It is very well known that nature, unsided, produces the food most suitable for use in each climate, in the place where it will be needed, but



BRUSHING THE STOMACH.

with our increased facilities for transportation our appetites have become worshipers of strange gods, so that fish from the frozen waters of the far north and fruits, plucked too soon, from tropical lands are devoured with avidity and little thought. In fact, we stop at nothing in the way of edibles. The consequence is that the number of human ills caused by indigestion is greatly augmented and one of the first organs to protest against ill-usage is the stomach, in which are deposited "all sorts and kinds of eatables and drinkables," as a vagrant fancy may dictate. The methods of downing the objections of this useful member, from inducing insensibility by means of opium to mental healing, are too numerous and well known to enumerate. But what seems to be growing in favor, and to have a strong semblance to common sense, is a manner of washing out the stomach, thus destroying and removing disease germs that have found a lodging place on its walls.

After spraying or treating the respiratory passages with vapor, to render breathing easy, a long rubber tube with a small electric lamp attached is swallowed. When in position the current is turned on and the patient receives an inward illumination It is claimed that the interior of the stomach is rendered visible and any unnatural growth or condition may be observed. If mucous or other foreign deposit is present, the lamp is removed and the patient swallows a pint of water containing hickory ashes. Following this down goes a small bristle brush attached to a cable the whole enclosed in a small rubber hose. When it reaches its destination the brush is pushed out of the hose and the cable, in connection at its outer end with a small machine, is caused to revolve rapidly. The only matter in the stomach unites with the hickory ashes, and soapsuds is formed which by means of the brush moves around in a lively manner When the stomach walls are cleansed, the brush hose is removed and the poor indigestee (may the word be pardoned) swallows two tubes in one. A gallon of hot water and hickory ashes are in a tank connected with one of the tubes and pours into the stomach whence it siphons out through the other, bringing all the foreign matter with it, as well, perhaps, as some strong reflections of the patient. The operating



WONDERFUL OPERATION

(Parts of Fifth and Sixth Vertebrae Removed to Relieve Pressure on Spinal Cord.)

physician occasionally stirs up the contents of the stomach during the process by a syringe attached to the siphon portion of the double tube. When the ashes and water have been removed a gallon of clean water follows. The tubes are then taken out and another hose swallowed through which the stomach is filled with medicated air and emptied. When the latter process has been several times repeated the patient feels that he has been made over new, and decides to confine himself henceforth to the simplest diet. In honor of which resolve and his improved condition he likely goes out and eats the dinner of his life.

In these days when restlessness and activity are favored by rapid transit and new inventions of all kinds and when an increased tendency is shown towards indulgence in all kinds of athletic exercises, serious accidents so frequently occur, producing injuries that a few years ago would have been considered incurable, that every new triumph of surgery is regarded with interest by all the reading public. In the latter part of the summer while descending the steps at a popular swimming resort a young man slipped and instead of diving as be had intended fell heavily into the water and struck the bottom with such force and in such a manner as to twist his neck, dislocating the fifth and sixth vertebrae He was unable to move and a sensation of suffocation brought knowledge of his danger of drowning. However, he was quickly rescued by friends. His neck was at once encased in plaster in order that no unnecessary jar might affect that most delicate network of nerve fibers, the spinal cord. There was no sensation below the seat of injury. Sufficient communication with the muscles controlling the lungs was kept up to enable the injured man to take short breaths. He could slightly move one arm. His brain was clear. He showed signs of increased weakness on the ninth day and on the tenth came delirium and a high temperature. Skiagraphs showed a fracture in one of the displaced vertebrae. As it was impossible to bring either of them into proper position it was decided to cut away the posterior parts, thus removing the pressure on the spinal cord. The action of the lungs was too weak to admit of administering ether and the slightest movement of the patient while the surgeons were working might cause injury to the cord and instant death. Hence there was some hesitation on the part of the physicians.

But at the young man's urgent request they proceeded with the operation, which was entirely successful and occupied about an hour. It is expected that cartilage will grow in place of the bones removed and the spinal cord be thus protected. The patient's breathing has improved, digestion is better and sensation has returned. He can sit upright in a chair and is frequently wheeled around in the hospital. Present indications point toward a complete recovery.

While the fact cannot be too earnestly deplored that lawmakers in civilized countries still deem it necessary to sometimes take human life as a protection to society at large, it is to be commended that methods are being constantly sought to render execution as nearly painless as possible. And when anyone may be condemned for murder on circumstantial evidence alone, nearly all must feel a wish to know of any new discoveries in this direction. Of all the means used to usher a man out

EXECUTION BY POISONOUS FUMES.

of the world before his time electrocution seems the most barbarous, for experiment has repeatedly proved that an electric current, no matter how strong, often fails to kill instantly, in which case the most exquisite torture is often produced.

It is now proposed to cause death by the inhalation of the concentrated fumes of hydrocyanic acid, one of the most deadly poisons in the pharmacopoeia. It is composed of a distillation of strong sulphuric acid and of ferrocyanid of potassium

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Through the newspapers the people are receiving instruction constantly as to methods and devices for preventing and overcoming disease as well as no little knowledge regarding difficult operations in surgery To this means of information are being added cinematograph photographs of many of the principal operations. These, when ready for general exhibition, will be of especial interest to students of medicine, as the best of descriptions accompanied by diagrams are inadequate to convey a correct knowledge of the steps in an operation as they are successively taken. Again, but a limited number of those admitted to a great operation are able to witness it, as but few can gather near enough to see plainly. For the well-being of the patient it is necessary to keep spectators at least 6½ feet distant, and the hands of an operator cover a certain part of the work being done. But with the continuous pictures a lecturer may be able to give his class instruction that it would otherwise be impossible to impart. These pictures will be of especial benefit to medical students in distant countries. France has taken the lead in this, as it has always done in so many scientific matters.

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Columbus, O Dec. 21—The jury in the United States court returned a verdict acquitting Jailer Wm Shockley and son Harry, of having aided Capt J. T Jobe, federal prisoner, to escape from Franklin county jail

Aged Woman Dead.

Zanesville, O, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Sarah Woodruff Carter is dead, aged 72. She was the oldest native-born resident of Putnam. Three sons (Charles R, Jas W. and Edward S Carter) are business men of Cincinnati.

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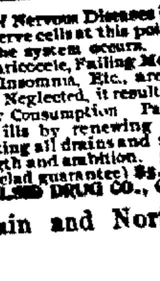

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